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Subject: Re: [Linux-Driver-Maintainers] Guest Tools Manual
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 2:46:41 PM

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From: Drew Rice Knoff [mailto:DRKnoff@us.ibm.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2011 2:00 PM
To: Jeffery, Mike; FS-SA.Active@us.ibm.com; Turner, Mike -US (mailto:mturner@us.ibm.com)
Subject: [Internal Only] Lotus/Oracle Test Network

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Dear Students and Staff:

We warrant to make it your support for the proposed Lorneo-Golden mountain ridge and riparian case of Priority for the Ontario National Forest. This exceptional opportunity to see public lands will have positive quality of life, health, and economic benefits for the community. Of the many alternatives proposed, Lorneo-Golden has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate one for this and beyond. The Lorneo-Golden proposal is the result of a multi-year project, initiated by the Forest Service and the Province's Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community and it is important that the outcome of this process be supported and not derided by a small group of private parties attempting to interfere with success in public land.

Sincerely,
Harris Rupp Kamstra

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch Support
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 10:49:08 AM
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Local elected official in Sisters...her take...SJ



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Slater and Shane-

I support the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest.

As a City Councilor in Sisters, I fully understand the positive value this recreational opportunity on our public lands will add to the quality of life, health, and economy of the community. Our community would not have the stable economy and tourism base it has without our trails.

And as a former resident of Prineville, I experienced firsthand the lack of trails in the area and limited ability for locals and visitors to enjoy the variety of public lands in the

Ochoco National Forest. Expanding trails has enormous return on investment for local communities, especially one like Prineville that is the only major service provider (hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, breweries, gas stations, etc.) near the Ochocos.

Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is the result of a multi-year process, **initiated by the Forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce**, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community.

It is critically important for the people of Crook County (and democracy itself) that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to **restrict access to public land**.

Thanks for your time,
Jennifer Letz

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch Mountain Bike Trail System
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Hello Shane and Slater,

I imagine you guys have been getting a lot of these types of emails in regards to the mountain bike trail system proposal. As a member of the Central Oregon Trail Alliance I am sending this as my support for the building of the Lemon Gulch trail system. More trails = more recreational opportunities in nature and more opportunities in nature leads to a better quality of life. Its why I moved my whole life to the central Oregon area to be closer to outdoor recreation.

I'm not sure how much influence you have or what further actions I can take to help with this project but I am happy to lend support.

Thank you for all the work you guys do.

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To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
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Dear Elected Representatives of Oregon

I support the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have positive quality of life, health, and economic benefits for the community. Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is the result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community and it is important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to restrict access to public land.

From: [Beaupre, James - FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#); [Turner, Slater -FS](#); [Joosen, Christopher -FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]lemon gulch project 58831
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 10:32:21 AM

From: Mathieu Federspiel (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 10:27 AM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov>
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Mr. Beaupre and Forest Service:

I want to express my concern about the Lemon Gulch Project 58831. I know it is now past the time for comments on the scoping phase, but I have become aware of a publicity campaign by COTA that is attempting to overwhelm you and our political representatives with "in favor" letters.

I have concerns about the project and intend to comment more fully when the next period for comment is release, the EA or EIS. In short form, my concerns include but may not be limited to:

1. The density of trails is high. This will drive much wildlife out of the area.
2. Trails run close to or within riparian areas.
3. The cumulative effects of this and other projects has not been presented or analyzed.
4. How does this fit within the Forest Plan and what guarantee is there that more developments like this will not take place?
5. COTA has described how this can attract a large concentration of mountain bike riders. This brings traffic and intense use of the forest in addition to trail riding, such as user trails, litter, parties and camp fires, human waste, etc.
6. Who is paying for all this?

I suggest that the Forest Service handle this like a ski resort application. That is, this area should be considered for leasing to COTA and the contract specify that they are responsible for installation, maintenance, management, and security of the whole area. Our tax payer dollars should not be used to support such a large project for a select group of recreationallists.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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Mathieu Federspiel
Crook County Resident

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Dear Mr. Jeffries,

I'm writing in support of the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. I find it very distressing that a small group of private parties are attempting to derail this project by spreading misinformation in an effort to effectively restrict public access and enjoyment of this beautiful public resource. Rather than acknowledging the right of all people to utilize our public lands, it seems these parties want to reserve the privilege solely for their own benefit, to the exclusion of others.

I am an avid mountain biker and outdoor recreationalist, and I recognize that this area has historically been (and continues to be) utilized for cattle grazing in support of working livelihoods. There are existing examples of areas where mountain bike riding and livestock grazing already coexist peacefully; for example, consider the Horse Butte and Horse Ridge areas off of US Highway 20 east of Bend. The mountain biking community as a whole in Central Oregon, following the example set by groups such as the

Central Oregon Trail Alliance (COTA), makes great efforts to consider and respect other users of our public lands and their right to be there, including hikers, equestrians, OHV riders, and ranchers. Throughout the development of this proposed project, the Ochoco Trails Group has actively worked to avoid potential conflicts with existing uses and wildlife habitat.

This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have positive quality of life, health, and economic benefits for the community. It will provide great benefits to the residents of Prineville and the surrounding areas by providing high quality trails closer to home, reducing the length of commutes to the trailhead, and easing congestion of other popular trail networks in Central Oregon as a result. It will draw users from outside of Prineville, bringing greater visitation to local businesses and further supporting a growing local economy. This trail network will also feature portions specifically designed for people with disabilities on adaptive mountain bikes, which will create new opportunities for people traditionally excluded from enjoying our public lands.

Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the US Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is the result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community. It is important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to restrict access to public land. You can find further information about this proposed project on the COTA website at <https://www.cotamtb.com/lemon-gulch.html>.

Please join me in voicing your support for this project and help realize a vision of creating a better Central Oregon for everyone. Thank you very much for your time and consideration of my request.

Respectfully,
Nicholas Murphy

(b)(6)

Bend, Oregon 97702

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
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Dear Shane,

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Thanks!

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To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
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From: Vincent Foley [\(b\)\(6\)](#)
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 10:23 AM
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Subject: [External Email]Lemon Gulch

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Sincerely,

Vincent Foley

(b)(6)

Bend, OR 97701

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To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]<No Subject>
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From: David Flagan (b)(6)
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Dear Sir

I am writing to support the Lemon Gulch trail network being built. As a regular user of Ochocos NF trails, I believe this will be a great addition to the area and will make a substantial impact on the Prineville economy. Thanks for your time

Dave Flagan

Ochoco Forest Supervisor
Mr. Shane Jeffries

I am enclosing two pages
of signatures from local
residents and/or businesses
in Prineville who are opposed
to the Lemon Gulch Mt. Bike
Trails.

Those of us on Mill Cr. Rd
and Prineville will continue
to send signature lists to
make it apparent that
more than "three farmers"
are in opposition to the
proposed Lemon Gulch LOCATION,
not the Mountain bikers
or the use of the Ochoco
National Forest.

Respectfully,

Stan & Nanette Hickman

10-7-21

Please help save Lemon Gulch - and our
WAY OF LIFE

* Your signature represents your "OPPOSITION"
to the Lemon Gulch Mt. Bike Trail proposal.

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| 1. | Bill Cal | Rebekah Clark | Prineville, OR | Produce |
| 2. | Suzanna Cox | Suzanna L. Cox | Prineville, OR | P. Bodu |
| 3. | Kris Carter | Kris Carter | Powell Butte OR | FOR: |
| 4. | Tammy Woodley | Tammy Woodley | Prineville Or | |
| 5. | Dallas Bean | Dallas Bean | Prineville OR | ACE |
| 6. | Juliana Arnold | | Prineville OR | ACE |
| 7. | Mark Drumer | | Prineville Or | O.V.C |
| 8. | TONY NGUYEN | | Prineville or | MUS |
| 9. | Erin Allen | | Prineville OR. | Auto |
| 10. | Gandi Hull | Cyndi Hull | Prineville OR | Mate |
| 11. | Rita madison | Rita Madison | Prineville OR | Care |
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Bum |
| 14. | Michael Pickston | Michael Pickston | Prineville, OR | smoke |
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| 20. | Ross Payne | Ross Payne | Prineville, OR | Resi |

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to Lemon Gulch Mt. Bike Trail 10-8-21

21	Nicole Butterfield	(b)(6)	Business
22	Janne Cook		Tanning
23	Mi Vaughn		Cricket
24	Dolton Cox		Business
25	Angie Blasius		Ins.
26	Rett Jay		Real Est.
27	Jan Howard		Insurance
28	Melinda Bean		Internet
29	John P		Internet
30	Carroll		Dunsko
31	James Shumak		"
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33	Kenzie Carnahan		Salon
34	Mary Wells		"
35	Jodi Husband		CB SUN
36	Nicole Hendrickson		Business
37	Jenna VanBuskirk		Business
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39	Aubrey Sorenson		Prineville, OR
40	Z. P.		Prineville OR
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42	Capital Club		CB Sun
43	Jaundy & Bird		CB Sun, Prineville
44	Jana Green		CB Sun, Prineville

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS, Prineville, OR](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch MTB trail
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:22:40 PM
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Be interesting stat for the case, miles of range fence on the Ochoco, amount of cattle/sheep



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From: Gene Hubbard <(b)(6)>
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I'm writing today in support of the Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail that is proposed for the Ochoco National Forest. I think this is an important way for many of us to have access to these public lands. I was just rifle deer hunting in the Ochocos with my uncles and everywhere I went I encountered fences for livestock. The area is certainly very favorable to the ranchers and their cattle and it seems like a minor concession on their part to share the public lands with mountain bikers.

-Gene Hubbard

(b)(6)

Bend OR

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS, Prineville, OR](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch
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From: Katy Ryan <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:48 PM
To: Jeffries, Shane- FS, Prineville, OR <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>
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Dear Mr Jeffries-

Public lands are for all people, not just ranchers with grazing rights that pay almost nothing. Recreation activities such as mt biking are a means of free health and wellness both physical and mental for anyone with a bike to enjoy, at no cost. Please continue to support mt biking trail development at Lemon Gulch.

I support the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have positive quality of life,

health, and economic benefits for the community. Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is the result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community and it is important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to restrict access to public land.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Ryan
Bend, OR

From: [Turner, Slater -FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch
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Dear Slater Turner,

I support the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have a positive impact on quality of life, health and economic benefits for the community and Central Oregon at large.

Of the many areas proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest Service as an appropriate area for this new trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is a result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community.

It is important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to restrict access to public lands!

Sincerely,

Eric Meade

27-year resident of Central Oregon

Active recreational mountain biker

Former Outdoor Company executive and Owner of Entre Prises USA Climbing Walls

Co-Founder of Bend Outdoor Work accelerator

Current Business Consultant

Eric Meade

Consultant/Owner

Eric Meade-Purposeful Consulting

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November 26, 2021

Cora Klein

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To: Ochoco Forest Supervisor Shane Jeffries

RE: Lemon Gulch Proposal (2nd letter)

Dear Mr. Jeffries,

Hello again. Since the first letter we sent to you in June 2021, we have been actively involved in the Mill Creek neighborhoods inquiry and research of the proposed Lemon Gulch Project. It not only effect our neighborhood, but also effects the community and ranching/farming aspect of this county. Having attending community meetings with Congressman Bentz, Representative Iverson, and Crook County Natural Resource Committee, it becomes apparent that adequate representation from some of the stake-holders was not represented. Although County Commissioners gave approval from original data presented, once they referred to the county's CCNRCommittee, they saw that Lemon Gulch would be not following guidelines of Crook County Resource Policy. Basically, Lemon Gulch would attract a "tourist" attraction, rather than a "DISPERSED recreation area" that attracts hikers, campers, historic site visitor (Steins Pillar), agricultural ventures, and hunters.

Reference: Crook County Natural Resource Policy

Reference: Applicable Parts of 40 CFR 15061

- 1 (a) Actions during NEPA process (1) (2)**
- 2 (a) (d) State, Tribal, and local procedures**
- 6 Public involvement**

Reference: 2012-2013 Forest Service Environment Impact Statement "McKay Fuels and Vegetation Management Project" Document #page 4757, (reporting vegetation and riparian fragility due to dry climate)

Since we now have a pause for community comments, I shall briefly try to convey some specific points. These are concerns about the "feasibility", "safety", and "economic impact" to the county and forest grounds.

1. **Road access:** How does the Forest Service propose to fund the needed improvements/maintenance required to support this venture of magnitude? Living on Mill Creek we see the traffic on a daily basis. Has the county or Forest Service done studies?
2. How will the oversight of not including more county/community data from citizens be mitigated? Explain how a xeric environment is more suitable to increase human and vehicle traffic down Mill Creek Valley where wildlife come for forage and water.
3. **Management of Lemon Gulch trails.** Evaluation report and logistics of signage, patrol, maintenance, monitoring of the new area is requested for environmental impact.
4. **FIRE concern.** How will increased human and vehicle use be managed to prevent fire in the future? How will natural erosion from bikers be mitigated? Will cell phone service, sanitation facilities, and emergency services be funded? By whom?
5. **Agriculture.** What will offset the importance of the economic benefit of the ranching community? How will wildlife be encouraged to remain in this part of the forest? How will the new information/ comments coming forward be addressed since it was not part of the "feasibility" portion of selecting Lemon Gulch as the site chosen? Now that we know there were other alternatives originally looked at, we are asking that Lookout Mountain, Bear Creek, Pot Lid, and Bandit Springs are included in your analysis.

We respectfully ask you to thoughtfully evaluate what will be the best use of Lemon Gulch near this part of the Ochoco Forest. There ARE some other areas of the Ochoco that might welcome economic benefits from this mountain biking venture. Sharing the forest with others is important. Scattering out recreation in less inhabited areas would not upset the environment of the wildlife. With the recreation opportunities already down Mill Creek Valley presently, you are creating a concentrated "tourist" environment, and sacrificing the fragility of the forest that is there now. We object because we care and want to be stewards of the forest as you do.

Respectfully submitted.

Cora Klein

(b)(6)

Having reviewed the proposed trails plan, we are concerned about the “feasibility” and the “safety” of this study. Some of our concerns are listed below. We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns with you and hope that you will look again at the proposed site from a community standpoint.

- **Road safety** – Mill Creek Road is not equipped to handle farm equipment, horse trailers, bikers, and shuttle buses. Who will pay for this? Who will enforce and patrol this area?
- **Increased Fire Hazard** – Fires came very close to our area in 2020. More visitors will mean more opportunity for erosion of the land, and possible fire hazards. It is confusing that in 2012-2013 the Forest Service did an Environmental Impact Impact Statement; "McKay Fuels and Vegetation Management Project", FR Document #:2012-2009, page 4757, (reporting vegetation and riparian fragility due to dry climate) and yet now, want to bring in equipment to further damage this dry area.
- **Economic impact** – Is this invitation to bikers to Prineville considered revenue for the city? Most bikers I know are pretty self-contained. They usually don't buy tourists gifts, and bring their own food and shelter. How will it effect the rancher whose cattle will be scattered? Elk and deer will not stay where bikers have been.
- **Bikers safety** – No cell phone coverage in the mountains of Mill Creek. Long drive to the hospital if someone is injured. Cattle and wildlife do not look for trail crossings. They use them.

- **Location – Why this valley?** There are so many more acres in the Ochoca that are not so near farming operations. Have alternative areas been considered? How did this proposal get so developed without the adjacent landowners being informed?
the proposed area for the bikers is in the designated "Winter Range" for elk and deer.

We are not against sharing the forest with others. We love the trees and want this land and its wildlife to continue to prosper. Are mountain bikers really enjoying the trees and wildlife when they bike, or do they rather enjoy the steep climbs, and jumps? Are there areas in the forest that are less populated that could be developed? When you have public land adjacent to forest land, there will be encroachment on the lives of the public land owners.

Thank you for your time, and listening to our concerns. We look forward to your response in the future.

Respectfully,

Rodney and Cora Klein

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the cell.

November 26, 2021

Mr. Shane Jeffries
District Ranger
Ochoco National Forest
Prineville, OR 97754

REF: Lemon Gulch Mountain Bike Trail Project

Dear Sir:

Last fall (Sept. 2020) we purchased the Mahogany Butte and Polly Creek Ranches from Mr. and Mrs. Mark Copeland. The combined acreage of the two ranches (they adjoin) is approximately 7,000 acres and the combined frontage on N.E. Mill Creek Road is about two and on-half miles, making us (I believe) the largest land-owner on Mill Creek Road.

It was not until last June that we heard anything pertaining to the proposed Lemon Gulch System, and that was by "word of mouth" from a neighbor. When I asked Mark Copeland (the former owner) what he knew he told me he had heard nothing.

Upon further investigation I was appalled to learn that the Ochoco Forest leadership had been involved with a very extensive planning program with the Central Oregon Trails Alliance (COTA) since sometime in 2017 and NOBODY in the Mill Creek area became aware until mid-April of 2021.

Shortly after learning of the Lemon Gulch Trail project I was diagnosed with a severe heart condition, resulting in heart surgery in mid-July. Because of this and the high risk of COVID, I have been unable to attend any of the meetings that have been held since the public has become aware of the project otherwise I would have been a willing participant.

Therefore, I would like to set forth our concerns relative to this project:

1. The Ochoco Forest staff and COTA have been working for two and a half years on planning. The general public, and most especially all those property owners along Mill Creek Road and Permittees utilizing the proposed area have been deprived (in violation of the NEPA Regulations) of their right to analyze and provide input. It is our opinion that the "clock" should be stopped and set back to allow us the opportunity to make a studied presentation. This is still a Democracy, not a dictatorship.
2. The lure of 50+/- new miles of dedicated mountain-bike trails is going to have a severe impact on the traffic level on Mill Creek Rd. The main Mahogany Butte Ranch shops and outbuildings are located at the ranch main entry off Mill Creek Rd. and are plainly visible to passing traffic. I can foresee a lot of people entering the property in search of directions, fuel, and medical help or other assistance. The exposure to possible vandalism to buildings and equipment as well as theft will increase significantly as a result of the increased visitor traffic.

3. Mill Creek Rd. is a narrow, curvy, paved, two-lane county ranch road that turns to washboard gravel as it enters the Forest Service boundary. There are no bike lanes and almost no place to pull off (except for driveway entrances). Traffic is generally limited to local residents, often pulling equipment or livestock trailers, and those few going to see Steins Pillar or enter the Ochoco Forest. Once the road becomes gravel it becomes a mess, only graded by the county a couple of times a year.
4. The threat of wildfire is of huge concern. This area is heavily forested with pine and juniper and dries out quickly as temperatures rise. Mountain biking is not a wet or cold weather sport – it is most popular as the risk of fire increases.
5. The Lemon Gulch Trail Project encompasses a very large Grazing Permit Allotment, a critical component of a local commercial cattle ranch. While I have not had experience with bicycles and cattle at this time, I have had, after some 50 years of riding in Central Oregon, experiences with horses and bicycles. Mountain bikes are fast and they are quiet. The proposed terrain is hilly and will provide plenty of curvy trails. Cattle tend to follow the path of least resistance. They will follow a trail if it is there. It appears to me a sure invitation for a disastrous wreck with no-one a winner.
6. Litter is always a problem where people are concerned and this will be an enormous area to keep clean. Candy wrappers, lunch sacks, beverage containers, (toilet paper?) are all the trademark of increased visitation. Who is going to clean up? Sanitation is also a concern. When “you have to go – YOU HAVE TO GO!!!”
7. Invasive weeds – this is a big one. Visiting vehicles, and even bicycles, can introduce a host of undesirable, invasive plants including, but not limited to knapweed, toadflax, puncture vine, whitetop, medusa head, nightshade, and larkspur.
8. Stream pollution – it is known that Lemon Creek is a spawning ground for Redband Trout coming from Ochoco Reservoir by way of Mill Creek. Spring is calving and fawning time for deer and elk, summer grazing/browsing is essential to their well being. Neither of these are compatible with aggressive mountain biking, and this is a huge area inhabited by deer, elk, bear, and cougar, perhaps even antelope.
9. Grazing livestock that are bound to be unfavorably impacted by the presence of mountain bikers. Grazing patterns will be disrupted and the impact on the weight gain of young calves is almost sure to be a factor.
10. Local economy impact occasioned by visiting mountain bikers is, probably at best, marginal. I am sure that was one of the big selling points by COTA to the local Chamber of Commerce, but I would challenge their representation. I have a grandson in Denver, Colorado who is an avid mountain biker. He is in his twenties, single, and a practicing CPA. I called him and asked several questions:

Q: “When you go out of town to go mountain biking on an overnight trip do you stay in a motel?”

A: “Only on rare occasions – usually I, and my friends, camp in a campground.”

Q: “Do you eat in the restaurants near your biking area?”

A: “Not very often, usually we bring food from home and fix meals at the campsite.”

Q: “Do you do much shopping in the biking locale?”

A: “No, if anything, fuel the vehicle if necessary and maybe grab some beer.”

In summary, local Mill Creek Road property owners, including ourselves, are not getting a “fair shake” on this project. COTA and the Ochoco Forest have been working behind our backs for almost 3 years on this project. We are the ones who will have to live with the results and endure the problems downstream that the project creates. It is only fair that we have an equal time to fully analyze the project and develop answers or alternatives.

I would request that you “re-open” the application period and give the affected landowners 3 years to prepare as you have COTA.

One last point: Why have no alternative sites been presented or considered? The Ochoco National Forest covers a lot of real estate – surely there are other areas where this project could be located that are not going to impact neighboring property owners and residents like this one will. For that matter, there are other National Forest, and BLM areas as well, that could accommodate the COTA and not impact so many “other” citizens (and taxpayers). So please, STOP THE CLOCK – BACK IT UP! And give us an equal chance.

Sincerely,

Theodore C. Lyster Eloise A. Lyster
Mill Creek Road Property Owners and Taxpayers

Cc: U. S. Representative Cliff Bentz

November 27, 2021

Rodney Klein

(b)(6)

Prineville, Oregon 97754

To: Supervisor Shane Jeffries

Dear Sir:

My land borders Ochoco Forest. I sent inquiry to the Forest Service back in April 2021 when comments were allowed regarding the Lemon Gulch Project down Mill Creek Valley. Much discussion has come from this project. Many county, community, and neighborhood meetings. My support goes to the Forest Service as the steward of the land that should be enjoyed by all. I also feel it is my responsibility to protect and be a steward of my community and the forest.

After all facts have come out, it appears that the decision on Lemon Gulch as the "only" choice for the project is more driven by a very influential group outside the interests of our community and best interests of the Forest itself. The Forest is to be shared and have fun, but not at the expense of endangering the Forest's gifts, i.e., natural resources and beauty. The resources are there to be protected for many years. Mountain biking does not enrich any of these resources, rather it causes erosion, and takes away from the natural beauty. Motorized vehicles damage the environment, bring pollution and fire, and trash. And yes, there are motorized mountain bikes.

If the aim is to make Prineville a "tourist" town, this element of mountain biking will bring it in. Others uses of the forest to visitors who hike, camp, photograph, birdwatch, will not want to be near bike trails. Neither will livestock or wildlife.

So, as selfish as this may sound, I have lived in a rural town that changed into a tourist town. I don't think Prineville wants to be a tourist town, but if the "people" who are making Lemon Gulch a future Mountain Biking destination, their decision will choose that for them. There was not adequate representation for the citizens of Prineville in the LG decision BEFORE this NEPA study. I appreciate that now that citizens know about this, they are speaking up and asking the Forest Service to consider they power in being able to decide what is best for the Forest and its resources. Select a site that is less environmentally disturbed for the Mountain Trail Biking System. Ocho is a large forest.

I want to be in standing with my comments. Questions to be addressed in the NEPA study:

- How will the Forest Service mitigate impacts related to eradication costs of labor and materials for monitoring damage to the natural resources (erosion, wildlife scattering, road maintainence, patrolling)
- How will you handle user-conflicts with equestrian riders, cattle grazers, hikers who are already using this area?
- How will FS compensate the impacts to neighbors bordering the forest? Damages to watershed, loud noises impacting wildlife, vegetation?
- Why weren't other areas in the less inhabited parts of people and wildlife) of the forest listed as alternatives? Why introduce "heavier" concentration of human impact in an area of the forest that is semi-arid and prone to fires?

Looking forward to your response and consideration.

Respectfully,

Rodney Klein

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OCHOCO FOREST SUPERVISOR
ATTN: MR. SHANE JEFFRIES

Rec'd
12/6/21

Dear Mr. Jeffries,

Two sides, the Forest Service and the residents of the Mill Creek Valley along with the Pineville businesses. Will we all be able to put the Ochoco Nat'l Forest first and come together as one?

I believe I have come to understand the pressure the F.S. has come under to open the National Forests to public recreation.

There is no doubt that you are at a point in your career where you can direct the beginning of these forest transitions.

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You and the forest service are the guardians of our forests. Surely the opinions of your own team of specialists must be considered.

Lemon Gulch is a magnificent gift to humans and wildlife alike. You can make the decisions necessary to preserve Lemon Gulch not just for one recreational group - but for all of us.

Will you set the example and lead the forest service as a guardian of a location that can't be replaced but can show so many future generations the wonder of nature, the wonder of the O.N.F and the wonder of one man who chose to lead and make a difference?

Sincerely,
Stan & Nohette Hickman
Dec. 1, 2021

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12/6/21

Mr. Slater Turner

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Sincerely,
Stan & Nanette Nickman
Dec. 1, 2021

December 2, 2021

Shane Jeffries

RE: Lemon Gulch Bicycle Project

I am a resident and land owner on Mill Creek. I am here to inform you that I have several concerns about the Lemon Gulch Bicycle Trail System planned to go into my backyard, so to speak. I know that it has already been brought to your attention that we, as residents and landowners, on Mill Creek were not informed of the project until it was already decided that this is where the project would be placed. And now we are being told that it is too late to go back and make a different decision as to where the bicycle trails will be; that Lemon Gulch is the only place of consideration. I am not happy with this decision and I do not believe that your process for choosing where to put recreational projects like this is working for the community.

How does a 52 mile trail system with tread built and maintained specifically for mountain bikes fit into a forest with a desired condition for dispersed recreation fit? The proposed action of 52 miles of trail and three 40 vehicle trailheads is excessive and most appropriately placed in a recreation management area as prescribed by Ochoco NF Management Plan. This concentration of trails will push out all other existing uses, making it primarily a recreation area.

How can you build three 40 vehicle trailheads and invite that number of people without restrooms? Sanitation will be an issue. This will require a Forest Plan amendment.

How much mountain bike use presently exists on existing trails in the Ochocos? Please provide substantive data regarding use by recreation type and documented user conflicts on other multi-use trails which drive moving mountain bike use to an exclusive area.

How will the Forest Service mitigate impacts related to eradication costs of labor and materials? Vehicle traffic and mountain bike traffic will increase noxious weeds and impact grazing permittees, private landowners and Crook County.

The exponential and immediate growth in use of this area will cause impacts to private landowners when recreational vehicles break down, people get injured or lost, etc. and there is no cell coverage in the area beyond 2 miles up Mill Creek Road. How will the Forest Service mitigate the impacts to their neighbors?

Fire is a major concern. How will the increased use in the area be managed to prevent user created fires as well as evacuation protocols which do not increase risks to residents?

How will the increased vehicle and mountain biking use on the roads to the trailheads be managed? Presently, these roads are built for vehicles. They have no shoulders and no bike lanes, with parts of the roads being unpaved and unmaintained much of the year, with loose gravel. This kind of use will impact Crook County and local residents. How does the Forest

Service propose to fund the needed improvements and maintenance required to make these roads safe for vehicles and bikers alike and the increased traffic?

How will the Forest Service manage the area without user fees? Inviting this magnitude of use will require signage, maintenance, patrol, law enforcement, data collection and monitoring. The Forest Service presently does not receive enough funds to manage existing recreation use areas. Mountain biking groups typically seek and find funds for building and maintaining trails, but they do not fund the management functions required for such large systems. Please include and evaluate the need and logistics of user fees to proactively manage this large exclusive mountain biking system.

The Forest Service did not seek, consider, work with or include adjacent or affected landowners in the feasibility portion of the location of this mountain biking system. How will this oversight be mitigated? Please include alternatives including Lookout Mountain, Bear Creek, Pot Lid and Bandit Springs as reasonable mountain biking trail system locations.

Wildlife and fisheries are a huge issue - private landowners are required to address impacts of building in a big game area. Please address the displacement and disturbance of big game into private land, the impacts to redband trout and other fish species that spawn in Lemon Creek and other fisheries included in all alternatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Dill".

Ann Dill
Mill Creek Resident

JUNE 19 - 2021

IN Regards to
Lemon Gulch mt, Biking Trails Proposal

what goes on here?

we haven't heard a thing about this
until 3 day ago

we have had property on mill cr. since
1985, Built a new house in 1992. Have
NOT been notified of any such proposal
This is NOT Right! All of us on mill cr.
will be impacted Tremendously.

This needs to be re-visited and
This time include The Local Residents,
who would be affected for this?
wider Rds, parking, Patrol, porta Pottys
what about the wildlife? Don't they
have rights to a Place to Live without
CONSTANT harassment?

we need A lot of answers here.

Re gards

Stan Dickman

PS please hear us

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prineville OR
97754

Lemon Gulch Mountain Biking Trails Proposal

Mill Creek Property Owners, Forest Service Permittees, Adjacent and affected Landowners

The Forest Service is in the middle of the environmental study for a proposal of a developed mountain biking trail system. Approximately 53 miles of trail, several fully developed trailheads for "shuttling" bikers (to include toilets, parking, etc.).

Issues include, but are not limited to:

- Road Safety – present county road is not engineered or built to transport the increased number of recreationists to include shuttle vans and bicycles in addition to existing recreation and neighborhood traffic.
- Highly developed mountain biking trails are built for the purpose of speed. Speeding mountain bikes and wildlife are not compatible. Speeding mountain bikes and grazing/reproducing cattle are not compatible. There are numerous impacts to both that are not acceptable and needless.
- The desired condition of this forest is for dispersed recreation. This proposal is highly developed. Developed mountain biking trails only grow and grow to be increasingly more disruptive to other uses and users, to adjacent landowners and to affected landowners.
- The density of trails proposed does not allow for livestock or wildlife escape. No matter how many trails become developed (for example, even if the 53 miles gets reduced to 23) they will only grow, especially with developed trailheads.
- User created trails are always of issue in developed mountain biking systems. These are trails created by users to create jumps or adjoin other trails or to open up more country for trail making. Mountain bikers do not discriminate between public lands and private lands. They take land for their own use.
- The Forest Service does not have funds and will not get funds for maintenance, law enforcement, or patrolling.
- This proposal does not include fees to have mountain bikers pay their way. Adjacent landowners, Forest Service funds, county funds will pay for mountain biking disruption.

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Creek County Commissioners

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Dear Mr. Beaupre,

First of all, we appreciate this comment period to be able to address concerns by landowners near a proposed Mountain Bike Trail. We understand their passion and enthusiasm at wanting to enjoy the Ochoco Mountains.

We are landowners in the Lookout Mountain District of the Ochoco Forest area, Crook County. Our address is 9500 NE Mill Creek Road, Prineville, Oregon.

My husband and I are very concerned about the Lemon Gulch Trail System Proposal as it will effect us as adjacent landowners. We have a farm/ranch holding. Thank you for allowing us to give our perspective of how this will effect our livelihood, family, and the general community..

We have reviewed the Scoping Report from April 21, and looked at the Forest Service Maps of the proposed system. It appears that the southern boundary will be along our public property. It also appears that the "Winter Range" for the deer, elk, and groshawk is also included in the proposed boundary of the Lemon gulch system.

Is this not a conflict of forest service stewardship of timber production and forage, erosion control, and protection of wildlife who use Mill Creek area as winter forage? After reading the SOPA of the " Mill Creek Restoration Project", it does not seem to coincide with the environmental impact Lemon Gulch Trail will initiate.

Another concern is the question of "economic impact" for the community of Prineville that as of 2021 is still primarily a Farming/Ranching asset to Oregon?

Will bringing in tourists offset the wealth of agriculture production for this community? Is it what the community wants? Are they aware? The cost of preparing roads, law enforcement, and maintenance of roadways that have tractors, horse trailers on the road will need attention if bikers and shuttles share the road.

There are cattle grazing allotments in the proposed area. How will this mix with the bikers? Are there

not other areas in the Ochoco (less populated with a thriving agriculture community) that might fit the bill for diverse mountain bike experiences? With the drought conditions and fire hazard we have been

experienced in 2020, I hope we would not ask for more "usage" of land in an already affected area of forest. We are trying to do our part in being good stewards of our land and the forest corridors.

Will look forward to your input. Thank you again for listening.

Respectfully,

Rodney and Cora Klein

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Prineville, Oregon 97754

USFS Ochoco National Forest
3160 E. 3rd Street
Prineville, OR 97754

RE: Lemon Creek trail development

Monty Gregg, Kevin Keown, USFS Project leader?

I just heard on July 7th, the USFS in Prineville was holding a hearing on a proposed ohv trail development near Lemon Creek in the Ochoco mountains, Grizzly Unit.

I am on record, John Crafton – Redmond Chapter of Oregon Hunter's Association, as requesting all actions pertaining to wildlife on the Ochoco National Forest including ohv trail development and I have received nothing at this stage. This is a direct violation of mine and my organizations right to be notified!

I was heavily involved in your defunct proposal to put 178 – 320 miles of trail in the Ochoco mountains from Crystal Spring area, all the way to Black Canyon.

Lemon Creek area is a major public land wintering wildlife area for Mule deer, which are at 60% of management objective (mo) in the Grizzly Unit. Any public disturbance in this area would greatly distress and or further ruin the already low mule deer herds in this area.

You have already compromised/ruined the Green Mountain trail area just West of Lemon Creek! Must you destroy it all?

There are literally over a thousand of miles of trails within 2 hours of Prineville. Millican ohv, Brothers ohv, Green Mountain ohv and the Morrow County ohv park near Spray along with other non-trail areas spread throughout USFS and BLM public lands.

I wish to be immediately informed on any and all actions taken to put any ohv trail system in the Ochoco National Forest!

Sincerely,

John Crafton

John Crafton

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Spray, OR 97874

Redmond Chapter of Oregon Hunter's Association
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From: Peer, Beth- FS
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Hello, at this web page you can subscribe to the mailing list (to receive email notifications of proposals), or you can just browse ongoing planning as they are all listed here:

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See below—

Kassidy Kern
Public Affairs Officer
Ochoco National Forest/
Crooked River National Grassland

From: (b)(6)
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Want all information on this subject sent to me , instead of sidestepping everyone who owns property on NE Mill Creek RD, You people should be doing your job and keep land owners informed on what's going on around there property. Thanks

From: [Emmy Andrews](#)
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Hi Slater, Chris, Monty, and Beth,

Thank you for being at the County Court meeting last week and for speaking to the proposed Lemon Gulch proposal. As you can imagine, we at COTA are very concerned about the fate of the proposed project. I, our Board President Alex Anderson, and COTA's Crook County Chapter leaders, Travis, Darlene, and Aaron, would be happy to meet with you in person or virtually at your convenience to further discuss any time you would like.

At the current time, COTA's thoughts are these:

The USFS has met and far exceeded its requirements under NEPA for public involvement. By convening the Ochoco Trails coalition, and through the work the USFS and the Ochoco Trails coalition have done, which has included years of meetings, outreach, and opportunities for community involvement, the USFS has done much, much more "pre-NEPA" than any NEPA project I have been involved in in my 15 years as a NEPA project manager. I could not see a challenge to the way the USFS conducted the NEPA process being successful.

At its core, the opposition appears to be rooted in NIMBYism (not in my backyard). While I sympathize with the opposition that change is scary and often unwanted, a robust public process was used to (a) identify mountain bike trail development as need on the ONF (and one that will lessen pressure on other natural, cultural, and social resources) and (b) identify Lemon Gulch as the least impactful place for that resource to be developed when considering the big picture.

NIMBYism is a common challenge to federal agency proposals under NEPA. Wherever change is proposed, it will be in someone's backyard and they will not like it. In this case, the opposition is largely because the permittees think the development of trails at Lemon Gulch would result in impacts much greater than what, in fact, would occur. The USFS has identified that the appropriate level of NEPA is an Environmental Assessment because, although impacts to a variety of environmental resources would occur (including land use, traffic, biological and cultural resources, and socioeconomic resources), these impacts would be less than significant, and likely much less than the opposition envisions. No one's livelihood or way of life would be destroyed by a few bike trails on public land.

We find the permittees' claim that they had no knowledge of the proposal until recently suspect for several reasons:

- Prineville and Crook County is a small and tightly knit community and word of a proposal like this would surely get around, even in the absence of efforts to target particular individuals or groups.
- The Ochoco Trails coalition involved people from many user groups who have many personal and professional relationships in Prineville and Crook County, including local business owners, civic leaders, and community organizations including the County, Chamber of Commerce, and more.
- Mary Byer, one of the permittees, has been involved in the Ochoco Trails coalition for a long time.
- If I lived near public land, I would be sure to subscribe to the newsletters and other public notices the USFS offers to keep area residents informed about proposals within the Forest.
- As outlined in the Ochoco Trails timeline, Ochoco Trails had a community meeting at the Library (2018) and went before the County Natural Resources Committee, which is

chaired by Tim Deboodt, who has close ties to ranchers in the area, multiple times (2019 and 2021).

We find the claim that Bear Creek or another area could be found that would alleviate the opposition's concerns to be suspect. While it may be tempting to think another location could be found that would satisfy all, again I urge the USFS to note that the robust process you have undertaken since 2017 has resulted in the Lemon Gulch area being chosen and to have faith in the process' outcome. I suspect another location would come with its own set of challenges and potentially greater impacts on the human and natural environment.

We urge the USFS to recognize that your agency has undergone a robust process to get us where we are today and not be swayed by the opposition. If the USFS does pause, walk back, or restart the process, setting aside the years of hard work and good faith collaboration of so many organizations and community members, I suspect you will end up in a lose-lose situation. You will not satisfy the opposition, as there will always be those opposed to change in the ONF, and you will most definitely lose the trust of the multiple stakeholders who have given time, energy, money, and good faith to the Ochoco Trails coalition process.

If after years of working in good faith in a coalition, a few folks asserting the process failed them (which is highly suspect as outlined above) can cause all that work to be pushed aside, many of your current partners will likely lose faith in the coalition process entirely.

Please also note that COTA is planning to ask our members and interested members of the public to contact their representatives in support of the proposed Lemon Gulch project. While this is not our preferred method, since the parties opposing the project are doing this, we feel we have no choice but to respond in kind. Based on the >80 scoping comments supporting the project, we anticipate representatives will receive hundreds of calls supporting the project.

You have COTA's support in continuing the NEPA process for the proposed Lemon Gulch trail system in accordance with the Ochoco Trails' recommendation. Please let us know how we can be of assistance as you move forward.

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Thanks,
Emmy Andrews
Executive Director
Central Oregon Trail Alliance (COTA)

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7-17-2021

To: Shane Jeffries

From: Nanette Hickman, 3660 N.E. Mill Cr. Rd, Prineville, Or 97754

Re: Lemon Gulch Bike Trails

Request: PLEASE read this -

I have intentionally delayed writing this letter until I had a better understanding of the U.S.F.S, O.N.F. and the Ochoco(Bike) Trails proposal for Lemon Gulch.

I attended my second meeting on July 14, 21 representing Mill Cr. residents.

I was impressed by the presentation, representation, questions and content by all parties attending. The first speaker represented Oregon Trails.

I was truly alarmed by Oregon Trails misrepresentation of multiple facts (considered approved) to the U.S.F.S, O.N.F. and Mill Cr. residents. Officials were quick to ask questions to buy and clarify specific issues, some answered, some not.

My husband and I have owned property on Mill Cr. for 36 years. Yes, we have some serious concerns.

Mill Creek Rd. is paved and has a 55 m.p.h. speed limit. The residents are familiar with the curves of the road and the livestock and animals use and crossings used. We are aware it's "open range". There are no bike lanes. The road is partially paved and partially gravelled.

Continued on pages 2 and 3.

The Lemon Gulch proposal mentions 3 proposed parking lots with a 40 vehicle capacity each. That totals 120 vehicles. Users can arrive, ride and leave, allowing additional vehicles to take their place. During the high use period of these trails, please consider the increased use of Mill Cr. Road.

Perception is overnight camping, equestrian trails, walkers and mountain bike trails. My concerns here becomes bike (mt) riders at higher speeds, livestock and game animal consideration and safety.

It would be nice to believe that users are going to leave the forest in the same pristine condition it was in when first used it. Anyone using public areas knows that is simply and positively, not going to happen. Who is going to monitor and accept responsibility, not only for the above mentioned issues but for the valid forest fire issues? Those fire concerns include not only the forest and animals but livestock, pastures, homes and barns. Mill Creek Rd. is the only way out unless you go over Harvey Gap. If one or both of those roads were compromised?

I keep hearing that the animal use range would have to be "sacrificed." I'm not sure the big game animals would understand "winter use only". Public presence and disturbance could easily cause the animals to change their ever continuing, diminishing home range.

I am proud of the people who live in the Mill Creek area. We seem to be able to live our lives respecting not only each other but all the blessings Mother Nature has provided, elk, deer, antelope, ducks, geese, quail, eagles, small

birds, beaver, sage rats, gophers, we respect them all.

The last statistics I found for "trail totals" was from 2015. There are over 1,500 bike trails^(miles) in Oregon. Three hundred trails are in the Bend area and 700 trails^(miles) are in close proximity. Madras just opened new trails. Prineville's Stein's Pillar Trail (8.4 mi) is towards the end of Mill Cr. Rd. and it joins Green Mt Trail.

We know that Lookout Mt. has had problems with their existing trails. Predictions are that large numbers of their riders, as well as many new riders have taken for granted the opening of new forest trails, ~~be~~ Mulch. Will it be possible for a decision to be made to find a trail location other than Lemon Gulch? Bear Creek location has been mentioned numerous times with a private landowner welcoming public use on established old dirt and logging roads. Those of us who live on Mill Cr. wish to secure our way of life and those of the animals who live here as well as the forest lands which is their home.

You might not understand all of where I'm coming from right now. I can guarantee you will in the coming years. Things will and do change ~ just not all for the better. You have the power and wisdom to secure the future of a very small piece of what's truly important in ALL our lives.

Thank you so much for reading this

Sincerely,

Nanette Nickman

9-10-2021

Slater Turner

District Ranger – Ochoco National Forest

3160 NE 3rd St, Prineville, OR 97754

Good morning, Mr. Turner,

It has come to my attention that additional bike trails are being planned for Lemon Gulch in the Ochoco's. I would like to register my opposition to such a plan. For almost 25 years I've been horseback in that country both for recreational purposes and to help move cattle between allotments. Part of my opposition is around the common concerns about wildlife and cattle being disturbed by such activity, the gates left open and fences occasionally messed with, the danger to horses & hikers caused by bikes, and just the general increasing activity in such areas, especially when other areas are being made available for such activity. Just behind our place, north of Tumalo, many thousands of acres of BLM ground have been modified to accommodate increasing numbers of hikers, bicyclists, motorcycles, four-wheelers, and horse people, with specific activities permitted and prohibited in various places.

For me, a growing concern is around "mountain" bike activity & and the even newer "electric" bikes. My wife and I encounter these when we

hike, both in the Bend community & outside it. The mountain bikes have become increasingly a daredevil sport with speed and risk, and not a very good combination to mix with hikers and horses. The electric bike folks might be just as dangerous, but for different reasons, as they seem to attract those who no longer have the physical ability to handle a regular bike, but now have all the speed. I suspect it won't be too many years before both are prohibited from being on the same trails/hiking paths as hikers, horses, and others. As with such things, probably someone will need to be seriously injured or killed before it's addressed.

Perhaps we could just keep the mountain bikes and electric bikes out of the back country areas of the Ochoco's, so you don't have to deal with problems that could have been prevented in the beginning.

If you wish to discuss any of this, I'm available at (b)(6)

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Berner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bill Berner

(b)(6)

Tumalo, OR 97703

From: [Brian Gardner](#)
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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Brian Gardner and I support the proposal to add a network of mountain bike trails to Lemon Gulch outside of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. These public lands offer a great riding opportunity for mountain bikers of all ages and abilities in an area where there will not be conflicts with other trail users. Outdoor recreation and mountain biking will provide the area with a much needed positive health and economic benefit for the local community.

It has recently been brought to my attention that a small group of people involved with cattle grazing range allotments in the area have expressed concern and are trying to stop this project from moving forward. While those concerns should be addressed, I ask the forest to look at the overall economic impact behind the grazing fees associated with these range allotments vs. the economic influx from mountain bikers visiting the local area. For example, when I drive any distance to go for a ride, I bring friends or family, shop at local stores, purchase gas nearby, and almost always stop at a local restaurant for a meal. While I have limited knowledge on what economic benefit grazing within Lemon Gulch has on the local economy, I'd be willing to bet it is minuscule to what the mountain bike community will bring.

From what I understand, the planning process to develop this trail network has been ongoing for over four years, but the grazing concerns have only recently been brought up and their representatives have had very limited involvement in community meetings. If this is true, their absence of public engagement during the planning process should be taken into account and the interest of those who have been involved should take precedent. I understand that the mountain bike community is anxiously awaiting data from the grazing permittees and Forest Service staff so that they can alter the proposal to address the concerns now being raised. There are examples all over the west of mountain biking and grazing coexisting in the multiple use environment of our National Forest's public lands, as a matter of fact, I just experienced a great example of this on the Crooked River National Grassland last month.

I graduated from Madras High School and have lived in Central Oregon on and off since 1994. Two years ago, my family moved to McCall, Idaho and we specifically planned our trip back to Central Oregon this past August for the purpose of mountain biking. Our week-long trip is a perfect example of the economic case study of what mountain biking can do for the local economy. The two attached pictures are of my wife Christine as we were finishing our ride near Skull Hollow Campground on the Crooked River National Grassland on August 21st of this year. My family, friends, and I have been biking the roads/trails around Gray Butte and Skull Hollow since 2006. Over the 15 years of riding these trails we have regularly come across cattle, never had any issues with disturbing them, nor have I ever felt threatened in any

way. All one has to do is look at this local trail system as an example on how mountain biking and cattle can coexist without conflict.

I appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to planning our mountain bike trip to ride the new trails at Lemon Gulch.

Regards,
Brian Gardner





9/10/2021

Re: Lemon Gulch Mountain Biking Trails Proposal

Dear Ochoco NF District Ranger,

Gravel roads present their own special road safety challenges. When travelling on gravel roads in rural areas and farm country it is important to be aware of the road surface, people and animals. It is common to come in contact with wildlife and livestock such as elk, deer, turkeys and cattle on the roads as well as sharing the roads with tractors, motorcycles, ATVs, and bikes. As residents who live on the gravel portion of Mill Creek, we know that the road *cannot* handle the additional traffic that has been estimated for the proposed Lemon Gulch Mountain Biking Trails Proposal. To describe driving on Mill Creek, with its constant surface condition of washboards and dust, feels like riding in a covered wagon. It is only maintained 2 times a year "if possible" per Bob O'Neal, Crook County Road Master. Mill Creek will become **extremely dangerous** with the estimated 120+ vehicles going to the 3 proposed parking areas for the trails system.

Construction materials, weather, traffic volumes, speed, and vehicle weights can change the condition of a gravel road very quickly. The issue is traction. Driving on loose gravel is harder than driving on pavement because your tires don't have the traction needed to give you stable control. Throw speed into the mix and things can go bad fast! Vehicles ahead or oncoming traffic can throw gravel out into the air, which frequently damages windshields and paint. Another danger is that you can't stop the vehicle in-time because the gravel acts as rollers between your wheel and road surface. Lack of moisture will encourage washboard formation and prolonged dry weather can aggravate the problem. This is because the crust that forms on the surface of a good gravel road will tend to loosen in dry weather. This allows the stone and sand-sized particles of gravel to loosen, or "float" and the material can easily align itself into the washboard pattern under traffic. Mill Creek needs to be improved and maintained on a more frequent basis. It is *critical* that this happens if the proposed trails system is approved.

The extreme washboards on Mill Creek caused by the lack of moisture, hard acceleration, speed, aggressive braking, and poor-quality gravel, when severe, can lead to loss of vehicle control. It seems the majority of drivers try to avoid the washboards by "flying" over the top of them at high rates of speed. It is often the worst where vehicles turn and brake, such as curves and intersections where vehicle control is most critical. These are all places where drivers tend to accelerate hard or brake aggressively. Seeking emergency help in this area is challenging due to spotty to no cell service. We have responded to several vehicle slide-offs, broken trailer axles, and 1 rollover accident since moving here in 2015.

Another concern is the dust which poses a hazard by reducing visibility. Dust will impede your visibility significantly. Visibility is an issue due to the dust clouds kicked up by vehicles and by those travelling ahead or even from the farming activities next to the road.

When it rains the road becomes super muddy. Mud is like gravel, except much more slippery. Mud works as a lubricant between the tires of your car and the hard surface of the road underneath. If the rain is heavy, it may turn the road into a soft, muddy surface that makes driving hazardous.

On another note, water that sits on the road isn't just water, it's runoff, and that means it likely contains chemicals that can dissolve paint or corrode metal. This runoff deposits unwanted sediments into our streams and waterways like Mill Creek. Runoff represents one of the largest pollution problems in North America, and improperly maintained dirt and gravel roads are major contributors to this problem.

Many of our dirt and gravel roads remain unpaved for economic reasons. They are considered the lowest service level in any functional road classification system, usually serving the **lowest volumes of traffic**. Gravel roads need more frequent maintenance in current times because of increased rutting and distress from weather and road use. The strength of the subgrade and depth of the material needed to carry a high volume of traffic must be considered, along with proper drainage. Road maintenance generally falls to the city, county, or state to maintain. As a result, the government may be responsible for any damages caused by poorly maintained roads. Poor maintenance equals poor roads.

We highly oppose the Lemon Gulch Mountain Biking Trails Proposal. The gravel portion of Mill Creek Road was **NOT** constructed to handle a heavy volume of traffic. This is one of the most beautiful places in Oregon and we love our valley and care deeply for its natural beauty and the health of the surrounding forest. Help us to minimize the increased probability of forest fires, garbage, and destruction in the Ochocos caused by the additional human recreational activity this proposal could bring. Please oppose the Lemon Gulch Mountain Biking Trails Proposal.

Sincerely,

Ian and Mary Sexton

(b)(6)

Prineville OR 97754

(b)(6)

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is a cursive 'MS' followed by a flourish. The bottom signature is a cursive 'Ian' followed by a flourish.

Listed below are several websites that we used to research the points in this letter.

Trouble on the Trails: Forest Service Grapples with Crowds, Trash, and human waste

<https://www.nhpr.org/nh-news/2020-08-02/trouble-on-the-trails-forest-service-grapples-with-crowds-trash-and-human-waste>

https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/training/fhwasa14094/

<https://www.findlaw.com/legalblogs/personal-injury/if-my-car-is-damaged-by-road-conditions-or-construction-can-i-sue/>

<https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/vehicle-damage-due-to-poor-road-conditions-who-is-liable.html>

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/pubs/ots15002.pdf>

<https://www.arrivealive.mobi/safe-driving-on-gravel-roads>

[https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-10/documents/environmentallysensitivemaintenance_dirtgravelroads.pdf)

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Trash on Mill Creek



Wash boards



September 26, 2021

Slater R. Turner, District Ranger
Lookout Mountain Ranger District
3160 N.E. 3rd Street
Prineville, Oregon 97754

Dear Slater,

Please accept my comments as solicited by your office, through the recent Crook County Natural Resource Advisory Committee held on September 8, 2021.

I have several concerns about the proposed Lemon Gulch trail system, no notification or involvement of adjacent landowners and affected landowners in the Mill Creek Valley.

My list of concerns are as follows:

1. Significantly impacts Winter Range habitat for Mule deer and elk.
2. Significantly impacts fawning and calving during spring for deer and elk.
3. Removes area from historic big game hunting, by displacement of wildlife
And safety reasons in a high use recreation area.
4. Road safety-present county road is not engineered or built to transport existing plus increased recreation and bikes. The Crook County Road Department has stated that no additional funds are available or will be in the future for improvements to the road.
5. According to the current Forest Plan the desired condition of this forest is for Dispersed Recreation. This proposal is Highly Developed Recreation.
6. The density of trails proposed does not allow for wildlife or livestock escape.
7. Even if half of the proposed miles of trails are constructed, they will only continue to grow in the future either by planned or user built trails.
8. The Forest Service does not and will not have funding for maintenance, patrolling and Law Enforcement.
9. This proposal does not include fees to have mountain bikers pay their way. As a taxpayer, my dollars will go to fund this disruptive recreational proposal that most will get no benefit from.
10. High density recreational use will not promote any resource projects such as; precommercial thinning, fuels reduction, timber sales and mining.

Respectively submitted,
Ann M. Dill

9.25.91

Have you heard of the Lemon Gulch Trail System Project?

Do you hunt, hike, ride horses, camp, do business, or do business with residents of the Mill Creek Valley?

The Lemon Gulch Trails System Project is a Forest Service project where they have already decided to put a mountain bike trail system (without involvement of adjacent landowners). The outcome will put 52 miles of mountain biking specific trails in a concentrated area (9 square miles) with 3 trailheads/parking areas. This type of development is only the beginning, as the Forest Service is seeking to put over 500 miles of trail and associated infrastructure in the Ochoco NF (850,000 acres), without your involvement unless you act now. This type of development threatens the dispersed nature of recreation and threatens to turn our small agricultural community into another Bend, with mountain bikes on every road and street.

While mountain bikes are a legitimate use of the forest and are certainly a quality recreation experience, development of this magnitude threatens other uses (grazing and hunting), and has the potential to change the landscape (noxious weeds), if not done thoughtfully, with moderation, and in sync with the **CUSTOM and CULTURE** of the surrounding community. Additionally, it will **COST THE TAXPAYERS OF CROOK COUNTY** in road costs and law enforcement (just to start). The only return to the community is visitors buying a few cups of coffee, a t-shirt or a meal as they go through town.

PLEASE write the **FOREST SERVICE** and ask for multiple areas to be reviewed in this process and reduce concentrated use of one area unless it is in an existing developed recreation area that does not push out grazing and wildlife. We want our own residents and visitors to have mountain biking trails, but not at the expense of our residents.

CROOK COUNTY COURT will be hearing this issue once again, as they referred it to their Natural Resource Committee who is recommending that they pull back their support of Lemon Gulch and ask the Forest Service to broaden their look at where to place trails, consider local **CUSTOM and CULTURE**, and involve those most affected by potential development (adjacent landowners, affected landowners, and grazing permittees). Please send your letter to them as well. Ask that they preserve the rights of local citizens and landowners to be involved.

CONGRESSMAN BENTZ and **REPRESENTATIVE IVERSON** are also reviewing Forest Service personnel actions and their lack of consideration for local **CUSTOM and CULTURE**, as well as their refusal to follow their own policy and procedure for involving those most affected by their proposals.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRESERVING THE **CUSTOM AND CULTURE OF CROOK COUNTY BY WRITING LETTERS AND PARTICIPATING TO PUSH THE FOREST SERVICE TO INVOLVE THE TAXPAYING CITIZENS OF CROOK COUNTY AND NOT JUST THE MOUNTAIN BIKERS.**

Respectfully requested by your fellow Crook County residents up Mill Creek,

Stan and Nanette Hickman, (b)(6) (please call for details, information and referral)

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* Please put your name, address, phone & email add. on your letters.

RE: Congressman Bentz will send you a form to fill out. He will use that form to use your letter - your permission given.

September 21st 2021

RE: Lemon Gulch Mountain Biking Trail System

Slater Turner,

Hello my name is Ian Sexton. I live on the gravel road portion of Mill Creek Road. I am writing you today to voice my opinion on the lemon Gulch Mountain Biking Trail System. I am opposed to this project being put in this area. I bow hunt this area and there are black bears, elk and deer that use this valley. There is a main spring that they use for water in there. I can all but guarantee that they will leave if this area is filled with mountain bikes flying down 52 miles of trails. All you have to do is look at Bend and the hundreds of bike trails there. I grew up there when there were still big game animals in the bike trail areas. They are long gone now.

I have no idea who decided that we can sacrifice wildlife for mountain bikers but that is a horrible decision. If this goes through I am selling and moving to Idaho. Mill Creek is one of the most beautiful places in Oregon. Please, please do not ruin it for the chance to get some more money coming in. I think the road maintenance alone will offset any money the mountain bikers are bringing in anyway.

Not that it really matters but we moved out here to get away from the whole Bend scene. The rural setting is a relief from the hordes of people in Bend and I would hate to see Prineville become the next Bend. But my main worry is the ruining of elk habitat. The elk will leave and that alone is not worth this project. There are other places where elk and other wildlife don't depend on that these trails could go. Please re-consider using this valley for this trail system.

Also I think since no one on Mill Creek was informed of this years ago, they should scrap the whole project and get start over. In fact I think there is a federal law that says you have to inform the residents before a project like this starts. No one was informed. This is being pushed through.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Have a good day.

Ian Sexton

(b)(6)

Prineville OR 97754

and 120 vehicles traveling
Back on mill cr. Rd.

who is suppose to maintain
The graveled section of mill
Cr. Rd?

The County told me today
They grade this Rd only
twice a year and don't
have the manpower or Funds
to do more.

Have you been up it
Lately? Its so rough
you can hardly stay on it,
and thats with 20-25 cars
on it a day!

You're proposing to
add a couple hundred more?

9-21-21

To Slater Turner
From Stan Hickman Resident
mill cr
Re Lemon Gulch mt. Bike trail

I certainly have a lot
of unanswered questions
about the Lemon Gulch
"Proposal" not "project"
I will only address one of
them at this time.

who is going to take
care of mill cr. Rd?

The L.G. Bike Proposal
is stating they want to build
three 40 car capacity parking
lots. That could mean 120
vehicles traveling up

NO way!!! The county
isn't going to keep it up,
mill Cr Rd. is a County
Rd. so nobody else is
allowed to grade it,
is The Forest Service
going to provide Funds
to pay for this?

~~Steve~~ Dickman

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Prineville, OR 97754

Sept 23, 2021

Slater Turner, District Ranger
Lookout Mountain Ranger District
Ochoco National Forest
3160 NE Third Street
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RE: Lemon Gulch Trail System Project

Ranger Slater:

The Lemon Gulch Trail System Project should be stopped. Mill Creek residents received no notification of the proposed project that will affect their livelihoods and their enjoyment of their homes. The project can be restarted with the Mill Creek residents included in the "community" making the site selection decision.


Lawrence W. Downing


Nettie I. Downing

Concerned Citizen of Oregon

10/01/2021

US Congressman, Cliff Bentz
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Crook County Chamber of Commerce
Crook County Road Department
Ochoco Forest Service Supervisor
Shane Jefferies
Ochoco National Forest District Ranger
Slate Turner
State Senator Dennis Lithicum

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is being written to inform the USFS that I **OPPOSE** the Lemon Gulch bike trail up Mill Creek Rd
Prineville, Oregon for several reasons:

- 1) Critical Winter Range for Elk & Deer, which the USFS designated as such many, many years ago & in the winter it is gated & closed off to the public so the Elk & Deer are allowed to winter.
- 2) Invasive weeds brought in on the bicycles. We already have a problem with invasive weeds in Central Oregon. It's always been illegal to bring hay into Central Oregon from the Valley due to Tansy Ragweed.
- 3) Heavy equipment brought in to make & maintain the trails causing the ground to become compacted.
- 4) When it rains those compacted trails will allow the water run down them and cause erosion.
- 5) Mill Creek Road can not sustain the influx of traffic. Who will pay for the maintenance & repair of the road? Ultimately the taxpayers of Crook County!
- 6) The putting in of restrooms seems ridiculous & not really cost effective, since the USFS can't & won't maintain the restrooms on a regular basis that they already have in place. In fact they are removing many of the restrooms on USFS land due to budget restraints & shortage of staff. So, if they can't maintain what they have, why would you put in more! Also at what cost to the taxpayers for new restrooms & maintenance.

Name:

Cameron Teater

Address:

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Powell Butte, OR 97753

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Signature:

Cameron Teater

Concerned Citizen of Oregon

09/26/2021

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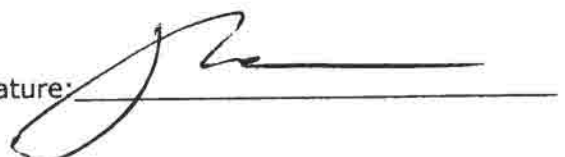
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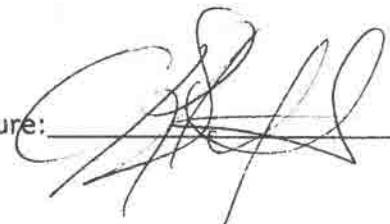
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District Ranger Ochoco National Forest

3160 NE 3rd St Prineville OR 97754

I am sure you have read the many reasons why bike trails are inappropriate use of the Lemon Gulch area. The one thing not addressed is the cultural deprivation this action will cause. The culture of the West is being destroyed, well over a hundred years of history and culture is being replaced with continual urbanization and "modernization".

Ranchers opened the West for our modern society. Their contributions and hardships deserve better than to be run over by an over zealous public. Just as we preserve national monuments, We must preserve our history and culture. We can't afford to "modernize" our rich history with any more ill conceived attempts to turn working landscapes into play parks.

Sincerely



John Guynup

Slater Turner

District Ranger -- Ochoco National Forest

3160 NE 3rd St Prineville, OR 97754

I am a third generation beef and sheep rancher. I have run a commercial livestock operation in three states over 50 years. I have experienced the problem of public incursions numerous times. They can make a good operation bad. Lemon Gulch is an example of a disaster in the making. High speed biking has no place in a sensitive grazing area. There are many more suitable locations across the state that could accommodate such as use and not destroy a rancher's livelihood

Yours Truly



Mary Guyrup

Oct. 5, 2020

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Hello Ranger Turner,

We've become aware of the possibility of bike trails being planned for Lemon Gulch in the Ochocos, in the midst of active grazing allotments. We are not in favor of this plan for many reasons.

Having ridden Lemon Gulch, gathering cattle, trail riding for over 2 decades, we know the area. Very steep, and hilly with blind corners. Mountain bikers going downhill over 30 miles an hour where horse people are riding is very dangerous. A horse is a prey animal. Something coming at them at that speed can cause serious injuries to the horse, its rider and possibly the biker.

There are some good stewards of bike trails, but the preponderance of them may not be such good stewards of our public lands. And these days, "if you build it they will come".

Can we be sure they will come with respect? Or, will they come with litter, not much regard for shutting gates, not much knowledge of cattle and their needs, danger to horses and their riders in the area? What about upsetting the wildlife, wild birds and native plants in the area? What if the cattle are pushed by the mountain bike activity to an area that is not the season for them to be there? Ranchers have worked for decades to be good stewards of the land and they know the land, where things are and how to take care of it. Will these strangers be able to do that? Or care?

These days mountain bikes, electric bikes, etc are built to go fast. What if they turn a corner and run square up on a big bull? What if the bull charges the bikers and gores them. Is the Forest Service going to be responsible for their injuries? Or what if they get between a mother cow and her calf? Or they frighten a pregnant cow and she aborts? Is the Forest Service going to reimburse the rancher for the loss of that life and the potential income? Will the bikers/hikers bring dogs that don't know how to behave around cattle? Then there are cougars, and probably some bears. What about the riparian areas? Soil erosion? What about blatant vandalism? Does it make sense to mix these uses? It's just plain dangerous.

We have friends in Tumalo, adjacent to BLM that have encountered all kinds of dangerous behavior and disregard for private land, livestock and wildlife. 4 wheelers, motorcycles, mountain bikes. It's just not a good mix to put bike trails in the midst of cattle allotments.

We have seen all kinds of destruction around the forest near Tumalo Reservoir. Dogs attacking dogs & chasing horses. Litter. Campfires. Probable drug manufacturing setups. It is sad.

These are serious matters to think about. We do not want to see this area ruined. We do not want to see people, cattle, horses, wildlife, streams, wild flowers, ruined. Please do not put any public trail heads or bike trails there.

Thank you for considering our concerns,


Jeff and Kathy Gates

Cc: Congressman Cliff Bentz
Crook County Commissioners

October 9, 2021

Slater Turner
Ochoco National Forest Supervisor
3160 NE Third St.
Prineville, Oregon 97754
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I believe the available trails already provided are more than enough to satisfy the demand. Days go by that some of the trails are not even used. There are times when I am on the trails in central Oregon and do not see a sole.

My grandfather lives next to public trails AND it has become a nightmare
Please consider stopping this project in Lemon Gulch.

Thank you.

PBE Stills
CC Congressman Bentz

(b)(6)

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Dean Davis
CC Congressman Bentz

Prineville, OR

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Mr. Turner,

Upon reading several articles of the proposed bike trails on Lemon Gulch drainage I felt compelled to voice my opinion against such a high density system. The cattle grazing in that pasture will endure constant activity making them move to lower elevations-mainly the creeks. This constant traffic and sightings of people will way heavily on the wildlife presence. I was under the impression your policies are to disperse multi-use spots making it user friendly for all involved without negatively effecting the natural resources and wildlife habitat. The soil erosion factor should be cause enough on its own merit for denying a high density fifty two mile bike trail in nine square miles.

Deschutes county has had problems with extra trails being added onto the approved trails. As I understand the bikers build such systems and have no funds to maintain any laws or order. The lack of law enforcement available to cover all that is already going on with our public lands doesn't appear to be an option available.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these reasons for not approving this system in Lemon Gulch.

Sincerely,



Marc Muzzio

CC Congressman Bentz

10-12-21

Slater Turner
Ochoco District Ranger
3160 NE Third St.
Prineville, Oregon 97754

Mr. Turner,

It has recently been brought to my attention that the recreational sector is proposing to build a high density 52 miles of downhill bike trail system in the Lemon gulch drainage.

I am a rancher in the Ochoco Mtn area and have ran cattle for many years. It is a challenge to keep them dispersed to provide feed, water, and salt in normal conditions; let alone having bikers run them down to the creeks. I'm told these downhill trail bikes travel in excess of 30 mph "on straight stretches", this doesn't sound like anything I want to encounter horseback. You maybe need to get on a horse and experience the feeling of a frightened 1200# animal getting surprised by a bicycle coming up behind them. Trust me, it's not a very comforting feeling. With cars or even ATVs our horses and riders can at least hear them coming in the distance and have proper time to face the oncoming vehicle and prepare. Our ranch is a generational operation and we, as do the Santucci's, try to involve our next generation(s) in all aspects of our operation. Which includes them being horseback in the management of our cattle.

The other major concern I have is the disturbance of wildlife this is going to create. The Forest Service for years has actively closed roads to restrict the publics means of traveling all over the hillsides. So why now would you open up a whole drainage to bike paths? I understand this area has been closed for years to motorized vehicles during the winter months in order to enhance the habitat of our wildlife.

I do appreciate the fact that you put this on pause to let the public become aware of this project. Now I hope through the public input you will see that it not only needs to be put on pause, but canceled in this location.

Respectfully submitted in opposition proposed trail system in Lemon Gulch.

Sincerely,

Mason Stafford

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mason Stafford', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CC Congressman Bentz

From: [Beaupre, James - FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#); [Turner, Slater -FS](#); [Joosen, Christopher -FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 10:07:50 AM

From: Arlen Mossgrove (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Lemon Gulch

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From: [Turner, Slater -FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Bikers in Crook County
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 1:02:37 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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Another letter!



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From: Cheri Rasmussen <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Turner, Slater -FS <slater.turner@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Bikers in Crook County

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Hi Slater,

I certainly do not envy you with the Lemon Gulch issue. I will not waste a ton of your time but want you to know I am a born and raised Crook County "Cowgirl." My mother still lives on the family farm and we were fortunate enough to enjoy the wonders of Crook County lands both private and public and horsemanship our entire lives.

When I saw the turn out of the "bike rally" in support of ruining Lemon Gulch to unspeakable miles of bike paths, I was angered. Only 30 people turned out? This is a Deschutes County issue and they certainly have enough bike paths to serve their people without ruining good grazing land and the conflict with all that goes on when people come over here and do not respect our forests. The vandalism, excessive speeds, gates left open, etc. are unacceptable when there are cattle on those lands.

I am a firm believer in balance! When our forefathers were logging with oxen and could not see the future, they knew we would have huge trees to harvest forever. We both know where that ended. We went totally the other way and lost a tremendous amount of trees because the environmentalists want to save the bugs. There is a happy medium with selective cutting and keeping forests healthy for ALL to enjoy.

The same thing applies to Lemon Gulch. There is no need to add 52 miles of trails and ruin a beautiful forest and grazing land when there are miles and miles of trails throughout Central Oregon to enjoy. Let the ranchers enjoy some balance, too!

Thank you so much.

Cheri J Rasmussen

Reitred Crook County School District Administrator/Concerned Citizen

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch trails
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 10:22:13 AM
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From: Eric Heinemann (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 8:10 PM
To: Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Lemon Gulch trails

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Eric Heinemann
Central Oregon Resident

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To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]lemon gulch
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From: Jason Caron <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 6:55 PM
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Subject: [External Email]lemon gulch

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Sincerely,

Jason Caron

From: [Turner, Slater -FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch Mountain Bike Trail Network
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:50:48 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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Here ya go!



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From: Adam Wildenstein (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:47 PM
To: Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>; Turner, Slater -FS <slater.turner@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Lemon Gulch Mountain Bike Trail Network

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Both the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management have a multitude of examples to lean on for the successful implementation of multi-use trails on grazing lands, like the 18 Road North

Fruita area in Colorado, the Acton Recreational area in Billings, MT and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kate and Adam Wildenstein
Bend, Oregon

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From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch Proposed Trail Network
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:20:31 AM
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From: Brian Jorgensen <(b)(6)>
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can occupy the same public lands. Examples include the Lookout Mountain trail network with sheep and the East Fort Rock trail network with Cattle. Thank you for making a decision that will benefit many vs. a few!

From: [Turner, Slater -FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Support for Lemon Gulch Mountain bike trail network
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 9:31:25 AM
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From: Chad Grogan <(b)(6)>

Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 7:22 AM

To: Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>; Turner, Slater -FS <slater.turner@usda.gov>;
sen.DennisLinthicum@oregonlegislature.gov; rep.vikkibreeseiverson@oregonlegislature.gov

Subject: [External Email]Support for Lemon Gulch Mountain bike trail network

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As a resident of Prineville, my kids and I all mountain bike on the Lower 66, Barnes Butte and Lookout Mountain trail systems in Crook County, this would be a great addition to our community. Don't let a few individuals with very selfish and narrow interests derail a process that will benefit the whole community.

Chad Grogan

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]I support Lemon Gulch!
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From: Danielle Caruso (b)(6)
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From: Dustin Balderach <(b)(6)>
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Thank you,
Dustin Balderach

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From: Michelle Roach <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>
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We recently purchased land near the Prineville Reservoir. One of the main reasons we decided to buy land in Central Oregon is access to hiking, mountain biking, and fishing. Please help ensure we have access to as many trails and public lands as possible.


Sincerely,

Michelle Roach

Landowner at (b)(6) Prineville, OR 97754

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From: Scott Shaw <(b)(6)>
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As an avid MTB rider, I support the development of the Lemon Gulch bike trials. Biking is a great form of outdoor exercise that is of benefit for your constituents and the community. The organizing group is very aware of the ranchers concerns and are willing to do what is necessary to reach a compromise.

Dr. Scott Shaw

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To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
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Dear Shane Jeffries – US Forest Service,

I support the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest! As an avid trail user for hiking and running it would be obvious why I would support more trails in our beautiful Ochoco's. As a Prineville - Crook County resident, I have long felt that this county and town would greatly benefit from more recreational related tourism as it will bring in much needed income to our local businesses and attract more business such as restaurants. This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have positive quality of life, health, and economic benefits for the community. Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is the result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community and it is

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Kind regards,

- Tina

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To: [Linn, David L.](#)
Subject: FW: Oyster Farm/Shellfish for Linn's Gold
Date: Monday, October 10, 2011 9:17:35 AM

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From: David Linn
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2011 10:00 AM
To: Jeffrey Linn
Subject: [REDACTED] Support for Linn's Gold

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Mr. Linn:
I am writing you to express my support for the proposed Linn's Gold National Wetland and Forest Reserve. The proposed reserve is a public lands and forest reserve of high quality of fish, wildlife and resource benefits for the community. Of the many wetlands proposed, Linn's Gold has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate site for this wetland. The Linn's Gold proposed is the result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service and the Princeton Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholders from the community and it is important that the outcome of this process be supported and implemented by a broad group of private parties recognizing its role in the public good.
Respectfully,
A. Linn

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch Project
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:15:50 AM
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Thank you for your time and energy,
Leah Guthridge Caron
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From: [Beaupre, James - FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Ochoco National Forest: Lemon Gulch
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:36:02 AM

From: Alex Brieger (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:46 AM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Ochoco National Forest: Lemon Gulch

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Thank you for your time and consideration, Alex Brieger

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Ochocho National Forest: Lemon Gulch
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Thank you for your time and consideration, Alex Brieger

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Support for Lemon Gulch MTB trails
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To: Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>; Turner, Slater -FS <slater.turner@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Support for Lemon Gulch MTB trails

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Dear USFS,

I want to write to support the trail project in Lemon Gulch on the Ochoco. This is supported by just about everyone in the community except the two ranchers who have leases in the area. Mountain bikes and cows exist peacefully in many places around Central Oregon, and in national forests across the west. They will not be meaningfully impacted by this proposed project. Do not let two entitled ranchers ruin 4 years of great community work.

Thanks,

Andrew Galbraith

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon gulch
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From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
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From: Bryce Bengtson <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:21 AM
To: Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Lemon Gulch - Please Approve!

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Thank you!

Bryce Bengé

(b)(6)

Bend, OR 97703

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Support of Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network
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To: Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Support of Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network

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Mr. Jeffries,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. Over the years, I have been able to explore and enjoy the Ochoco National Forest by foot, bike, and motorcycle. It's a beautiful area with enough land for all of us to enjoy. Ranchers, while an important part of the local economy, need to coexist with other users as recreation continues to become a critical segment in Oregon's economy. I agree with the Forest Service that Lemon Gulch is the most appropriate location for the proposed trail system. Please continue the Forest Service's commitment to providing access to public lands for all users and not let a few vocal parties with limited interest derail the process.

Best Regards,
Carlisle Daniel



Carlisle Daniel, PE
Product Manager/AWES

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From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch MTB Ochocos
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To: Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>; Turner, Slater -FS <slater.turner@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Lemon Gulch MTB Ochocos

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Dear Shane and Slater,

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Thank you for your consideration,

Casey Collier

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch
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Thank you, Dan Serpico



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Thank you,

Peter

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Dietrich Haar

From: [Jeffrey Thompson](#)
To: [Drew Ralph](#)
Subject: FW: [Statewide Email]Support for the Governor's 6th re-election (see full original)
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2023 11:58 AM

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From: **James Collins** [mailto:jcollins@cs.cmu.edu]
Sent: **Thursday, October 19, 2006 11:20 AM**
To: **Jeffrey Shaw** [mailto:jshaw@cs.cmu.edu]; **Tomasz Skoneczny** [mailto:skoneczny@cs.cmu.edu]
Subject: **Historical data/Snapshots for Lattus' trade execution data and network**

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Dear Mr. Joffrey and Mr. Tamm:

1. Subject to the ongoing Lessons (Quick Response) task force work under the Ontario National Police Training Commission (OPNTC) project, this document represents an open public inquiry into the quality of life, health and economic benefits for the community. If the study were initially proposed, it would likely be funded by the Province of Ontario as the most appropriate use for this task force. The Ontario (OPNTC) project is for a period of 10-15 years, initiated by the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Community Development, which has included many stakeholders and members of the community and it is important for the success of this process to be supported and not disrupted by a small group of private parties attempting to circumvent the public good.

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Jason Boone

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From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
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Kind Regards,

Jeremiah Wilson

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I support the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have positive quality of life, health, and economic benefits for the community. Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is the result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community and it is important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to restrict access to public land.

Regards,

John Mackay

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To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
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Shane,

I am writing you to show my support for the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest.

The economic and recreational impacts of this trail system is an opportunity for the community of Prineville and its local businesses that should not be undermined by a small group of ranchers and land owners near the project. Mountain bike trails coexist with little problems on other grazing allotments in the state. Further, Lemon Gulch represents a very small percentage of the grazing rights held and used by the opposing ranchers.

These are public lands and should be allowed to be used for this purpose for the enjoyment of many. A great deal of time and effort has gone into the planning. Please support this opportunity for Prineville.

Thank you,

John Unruh
Prineville resident

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Dear Shane and Slater,

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Justin Goodkind

(b)(6)

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To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Ochoco National Forest
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From: Kate Eng <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:31 PM
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I am writing in my support of the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network in the Ochoco National Forest. I understand there is a group of private parties who are concerned about the interaction between mountain bikers and cattle. I find the arguments of the cattle owners completely unfounded. I lived in Colorado prior to moving to Oregon. I have hiked or biked hundreds of miles of trail on which there was cattle grazing. From high mountain trails to trails in the suburbs of Denver, I have never had a bad experience with cattle. We can co-exist together. In fact, while living in Durango, it was the local mountain bikers that alerted a local rancher of a cow and calf that had escaped a local herd. The only concern I can see is gates and that's an easy fix with cattle-proof open ramps that allow bikes to cross, eliminating the need to "keep gates as you found them."

Mountain biking not only provides a positive quality of life for individuals and economic benefits to

the community.

Keep public lands public.

Thank you,

Katherine Eng

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch Mountain Bike Network
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Sincerely,

Dr. Kristi Jackson, DO

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]I support Lemon Gulch
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Dear Shane Jeffries

I support the proposed Lemon Gulch mtn bike trail network east of Prineville.
Please consider that this would be a low impact way for the public to access their land while
respecting the other stakeholder groups.
It works in many other places and has been a net gain for those communities.

Sincerely
Leslie Blok



From: [McConnell](#)
To: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
Subject: [External Email]Lemon Gulch
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:13:04 AM

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Mark McConnell

Mark and Cindy McConnell

(b)(6)

Sunriver, OR 97707

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From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch
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You understand how vital recreation has become to the Central Oregon economy. As a cyclist and rural resident I also understand the delicate balance of these two ways of life. (I have horses but get upset when horses ride on mountain bike only trails. I pull a horse trailer but get upset by people who have no patience for slower moving ag vehicles).

All that said, I support the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have positive quality of life, health, and economic benefits for the community. Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is the result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service

and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community and it is important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to restrict access to public land.

I'm certain there is a way to appease all stakeholders and ask for your support in making that happen.

Michael Nyberg

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Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>; Turner, Slater -FS <slater.turner@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Support Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network

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Dear Mr. Jefferies and Mr. Turner,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have positive quality of life, health, and economic benefits for the community. Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is the result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community and it is important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to restrict access to public land.

Sincerely,
Scott Gerwig
Oregon Resident and avid outdoor recreationalist.

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch
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From: Suzanne Marcoc (b)(6)
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Hello Mr. Jeffries,

I am writing to show my support for the Lemon Gulch recreation project. This project has been in the works for over 4 years, developing a plan to provide increased recreational opportunities to the growing population of Prineville and the surrounding area. It is absolutely not ok for these public lands to be held hostage by a couple of ranching families. It's great that they have had their own private playground for all these decades, but the land doesn't belong to them, it belongs to us all. The proposed trail network would impact 6% of the current grazing allotment, which is only used a few weeks per year. Please do not allow this project that would provide peace, joy, and health to so many to be destroyed by just a couple of entitled people. Ranching and mountain biking coexists very well all over the West, and especially in Central Oregon at Horse Ridge, Cline Butte, Horse Butte, and other areas. There is no rational thought involved in the movement to derail this project, just greed and selfishness.

Thank you,
Suzanne Marcoe

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Supporting Lemon Gulch
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Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:04 AM
To: Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>; Turner, Slater -FS <slater.turner@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Supporting Lemon Gulch

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Dear Shane Jefferies and Slater Turner,

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Thanks,

Tim Hix

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From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch Mountain Bike Trails
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Thank you,

Tom

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
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From: Tina Pavelic <(b)(6)>
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Dear Mr Jeffries:

I support the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network East of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. This recreational opportunity will bring a positive quality of life, health and economic benefit to the community. The Forest Service identified this area of the forest as an appropriate location for this trail network. The proposal is a result of a multi-year process between the Chamber of Commerce, the Forest Service and other stakeholders. I do not want a small group of landowners to restrict access to public lands this late in the negotiation. Please support the Lemon Gulch mountain bike network. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Tina Pavelic

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch
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Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 8:35 AM
To: Turner, Slater -FS <slater.turner@usda.gov>; Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>
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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Bend, Oregon and support the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. Growing up on a farm and working throughout the West, I have a great respect for ranchers and the importance that public lands play in their operations. Public lands are for multiple uses and benefits for the broadest number of people and the environment. I believe that mountain biking trails can coexist with ranching, but even if they could not, recreation on public lands will serve more people and have a greater economic impact on the region.

Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest

Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is the result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community and it is important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to restrict access to public land.

Public lands are for everyone.

Aaron Toso

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]In Support of the Lemon Gulch Trail Network
Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 12:22:48 PM
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Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 2:27 PM
To: Turner, Slater -FS <slater.turner@usda.gov>; Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]In Support of the Lemon Gulch Trail Network

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Dear Shane Jeffries & Slater Turner of the USFS,

I support the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have a positive quality of life, health, and significant economic benefits for the community as a whole. Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by your peers at the Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network within the Ochocos and is the result of a multi-year process that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community and it is important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to restrict access to public land.

Sincerely,
Adam

--

Adam Lewis
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From: Bill Lynch <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 9:16 AM
To: Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>; Turner, Slater -FS <slater.turner@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Support for Lemon Gulch mountain bike network

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Hello!

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville.

https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/114478_FSPLT3_5601634.pdf

I know you two know the details about this project. I would like to voice my support for it, and hope it can move forward despite objections from a small set of private parties.

As a Bend resident, I can see the positive impact trail networks have made over the years. I personally would love to drive to Prineville and experience a new set of trails -- and spend money in

the area!

Thank you for your work in this area, it's really appreciated. I'm also on the COTA board and am looking forward to pitching in and helping with the construction & maintenance.

Best,

--Bill

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Bill Lynch

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch
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Subject: [External Email]Lemon Gulch MTB Project

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Sincerely,
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Respectfully,
Danni Supplee
Bend, OR resident

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch MTB Proposal
Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 12:24:31 PM
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I support the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have positive quality of life, health, and economic benefits for the community. My wife and I enjoy hiking, skiing and biking in and around the Ochoco National Forest and frequently stop in Prineville for a meal on our way home. Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is the result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community and it is important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to restrict access to public land. Properly implemented and overseen by the Forest Service, development of the proposed trail system will benefit Prineville and Crook County businesses and residents.

Sincerely,

Dennis Ades
Bend Oregon

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch (Prineville)
Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 12:08:38 PM
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Subject: [External Email]Lemon Gulch (Prineville)

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I am writing to you in support of the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. Over the years, I have been able to explore and enjoy the Ochoco National Forest by foot, bike, and motorcycle. It's a beautiful area with enough land for all of us to enjoy. Ranchers, while an important part of the local economy, need to coexist with other users as recreation continues to become a critical segment in Oregon's economy. I agree with the Forest Service that Lemon Gulch is the most appropriate location for the proposed trail system. Please continue the Forest Service's commitment to providing access to public lands for all users and not let a few vocal parties with limited interest derail the process.

From: [Turner, Slater -FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch MTB trails
Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021 1:23:27 PM
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Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 1:15 PM
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Dear Slater,

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Regards,
Ellen Sheedy

(b)(6)

Bend OR 97703

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Support for Lemon Gulch Trails
Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 12:32:43 PM
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Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:28 AM
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Hello USDA Partners,

I recently visited the Ochocos for the first time. I went there specifically to mountain bike and camp and was very impressed by the breadth of infrastructure for many different recreational uses. My one complaint was that there was not a concentration of enough nearby trails to ride for several days without additional driving. Then I recently found out that more trails are planned (super exciting!) but, unfortunately, two local ranchers are coming out in opposition.

I would like to send my support along to you, the land managers, to convey that I very much support the addition of trails in this area. If completed, I would visit more often, spending money locally, while also sensitively navigating the shared land uses with local ranchers.

There are many models where ranchers and mountain bikers are co-existing respectfully. White Salmon is just one community where the mountain bikers provide annual trail maintenance support for the local ranchers who then allow them access. They even have trail closures at certain times when cattle are brought into the area. This relationship is mutually beneficial and respectful.

Too often we are coming up against a few, vocal community members who don't want other users near their property. We have the same challenge here in Corvallis. At the same time, we are seeing a huge increase in demand and have a greater understanding of the many health benefits (both physical and mental) to recreating outdoors. If we continue to make decisions based on the few, loud citizens, then our existing trail systems (which already cannot keep up with demand) will be overtaxed. We need more trails and our mountain biking community is committed to working through challenging relationships - providing physical maintenance support where necessary - in order to pursue trail expansion.

Thank you for your time and support in this effort and I sincerely hope that you will work with us to find a path forward toward more trail development.

Sincerely,

Jenna Berman

Board Chair for Team Dirt (Corvallis-based mountain bike chapter)

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch
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From: Joe Smith (b)(6)
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Best,

Joe Smith

Category Director
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From: kermi.yensen@gmail.com (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 8:52 AM
To: Turner, Slater -FS <slater.turner@usda.gov>; Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>; 'Rep. Cliff Bentz' <repbentz@mail8.housecommunications.gov>; senator_merkley@merkley.senate.gov; senator_wyden@wyden.senate.gov
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Dear Representatives,

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land.

Respectfully,

Kermit Yensen

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To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
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Thank You
Paul N. Smith

Sunriver, OR

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To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Supporting Lemon Gulch Mountain Bike Trails
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Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 10:14 PM
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I would like to voice my support for it, and hope it can move forward despite objections from a small set of private parties.

As Central Oregon residents since 2009 and frequent visitors since the 1990's, my wife and I have seen the positive impact trail networks have made over the years. I also know that new trails like this will help tourism and healthy outdoor recreation in the area.

Thank you for your work in this area, it's really appreciated.

Regards,

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Richard Bolt

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To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
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From: Serena Gordon [\(b\)\(6\)](#)
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Thank you,
Serena Gordon

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when racing becomes playing, everything changes.

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To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
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From: Trevor Miller <(b)(6)>
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Sincerely,

Trevor Miller

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
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Emma Maaranen



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Gentlemen; I suspect you are involved in the proposed Mt. Bike trail network at Lemon Gulch. I am a longtime resident of Central Oregon and an avid cyclist who likes the outdoors and enjoying the surrounding forests. I would hope that you not allow seasonal grazing permit holders to derail the efforts to develop this trail network. The rest of us would like to use the forest and their cows should not take priority over other users. Thanks for your time.

John Sorlie
Bend, Oregon

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Sincerely,

Dave Sjogren
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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville.

I would like to voice my support for it, and hope it can move forward despite objections from a small set of private parties.

As a frequent Central Oregon visitor & trail user, I can see the positive impact trail networks have made over the years. I also know that new trails like this will help tourism in the area.

Thank you for your work in this area, it's sincerely appreciated.

Best regards,
Mitchell

Mitchell Trux

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Best Regards,
Tucker Ruberti

October 23, 2022
Slater Turner
Ochoco National Forest

Please accept the comments herein as a formal response to the proposed Lemon Gulch bike trails in the Ochoco National Forest.

I have reviewed the publicized information as to the location of the trail in question and the broad future expansion of bike trails in the Ochoco's.

Mountain biking is by nature a very impactful activity both to the land and the bike rider, The erosion caused by degrading the fragile forest soils with a repetitive, on one trail, activity goes against what the Forest Service has been preaching for years, I.e. the abandonment inside the National forests-and formal closure of roads and off road travel vehicle activity by the public. The bike activity proposed is nothing more than a two tire off road vehicle powered by a human instead of a motor, gas or electric.

Where are the vehicles that carry the people and biking equipment going to park? Will camping and pull type carts for gear be allowed on trails? What about the increased exposure to the emergency services brought on by mountain biking? Who is going to pay for the vigilance of keeping bikers on the formal trails,

cleaning up plastic bottles and food wrappers with this

quest to expose the Forest to 100's if not 1000's of people and biking equipment?

Wildlife, horses and cattle are not compatible with rugged, fast and aggressive sport vehicles (mountain bikes).

Bill Nugent

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Prineville, Oregon

October 23, 2021

Slater Turner, District Ranger
Lookout Mountain Ranger District
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RE: Lemon Gulch Trails System Proposal

Dear Mr. Slater,

I am writing you today regarding the USFS Lookout Mountain Ranger District's "Lemon Gulch Trails System Proposal." To my knowledge, this trail system has been designed and proposed to suffice the "wants" of those associated with and/or members of a local non-profit group called Ochoco Trails. Ochoco Trails was established as another collaborative of interested parties to help solve existing and potential conflicts with different users of the trails system within the Ochoco National Forest. Central Oregon Trails Alliance (COTA) is a member organization of Ochoco Trails with a primary focus in mountain bike use throughout Central Oregon. Since 2019, Ochoco Trails along with COTA has gone through limited steps of collaborating with some local entities, very few landowners and community members, the county court, and briefing the USFS on continued status of the Lemon Gulch Trails system.

As you are aware, Lemon Gulch is one of several proposed trails systems within the Ochoco National Forest that have supposedly gone through different review processes that help provide guidance on prioritizing the construction timeline of these trail systems. According to an article in the Capital Press, the Forest Service said it's only taken an active role this year (2021) after receiving a submission from the Ochoco Trails Strategy Group. It is confusing to me that the USFS is a member of the Ochoco Trails Strategy Group but did not take an "active role" until the official project proposal to the Ochoco National Forest. The same article also had a statement stating that "The agency began notifying landowners and started the scoping process once it had taken up the strategy group's concept," said Cassidy Kern. "When they brought us the project proposal, that's when our wheels began to kick into motion," said Cassidy Kern, public affairs officer for the agency.

The Forest Service was founded on a multiple-use concept that can be very difficult to implement with various interests and agendas brought forth from the public. This concept is nothing new and there is always going to be proposals that come to the table on what, when, where, and how to manage our public lands. There lays the responsibility of our federal employees that work for the USFS Ochoco National Forest and the taxpayers, to manage the lands that they were hired to. The Lemon Gulch Trails System proposal is an example of how your local community who is most affected by its national forest was not properly informed and included in the forward steps of this proposal. I would strongly encourage the Lookout Mountain Ranger District to take a few steps back and start their NEPA process over including ALL of those who are directly affected by this trail system.

As a native to Crook County, I have a vested interest in my community and the public lands that surround it. Prineville has always been a destination for recreational enthusiasts, whether venturing to Prineville Reservoir for summer water sports and fishing, traveling into the Grizzly and Ochoco Wildlife Management Units for big game hunting in the fall, or cross-country skiing and snowmobiling in the Ochoco Mountains during the winter months. These are only a few of the many recreational activities within Crook County and its public lands. Not only is the Prineville area a destination for recreationist, like many Central Oregon communities; it also has strong roots in ranching, farming, forest products, and continues to bring several different types of industry to the county. Individuals that are advocating for the Lemon Gulch Trails System have claimed that Prineville is a poor community and that this mountain bike trail system is going to bring millions of dollars to Prineville on an annual basis. I understand that those proposing this idea are very concerned about Prineville's economic development, but it's comments like those above that are a slap in the face to the members of our community that have worked so hard to contribute to our economic growth for decades!

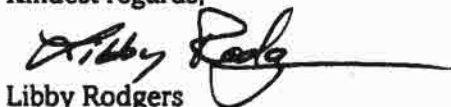
It's people like the Santucci Family that have been apart of this community for decades and have contributed to the economic growth of Prineville and its surrounding areas. Brad and Shelley Santucci are the grazing permittee that the Lemon Gulch Trails System will affect the most. The trail system that is proposed within the Lemon Creek Watershed is a very concentrated 52-miles of trails within 3,000 acres. There are definite concerns of increased traffic along Mill Creek Road and adjacent forest service roads which have the potential to spread noxious weeds and additional road maintenance. The weeds and traffic are a concern, but the concentration of trails in this area is not like any other trails system in the Ochoco's and poses concerns for excess erosion possibilities and continuous wildlife disturbance. There may be some similar trail systems on parts of the Deschutes, but if so, they are not in areas that have active grazing allotments. Therefore, there is a definite concern with how the livestock would respond to such a concentrated system of trails. There is not many cases or "record" of cattle to mountain bike collisions, but that is due to the lack of concentrated trail systems within active grazing allotments in the Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests.

Advocates of the trail system need to understand that local community members of Prineville and especially Mill Creek are not necessarily opposed to the idea nor the concept of a trails system, they just want to be included in the planning process from the beginning. Everyone has a right to their opinion and if individuals have had a positive or negative experience with this specific topic then they should have the opportunity to share. Mountain bike riding is not a new concept and has been a recreational opportunity in the Ochoco National Forest for years. Advocates and the USFS claim there already is and there will be more educational emphasis on the etiquette with cattle and mountain bike interaction. The truth of the matter is, it's not just mountain bikers that need to learn this etiquette, but the cattle have not evolved with seeing the frequency of mountain bikers they do today. As a cattle producer, I have had both negative and positive experiences with mountain bikers. I have had gates left open where livestock get out of the pasture they should be in, I've had cattle be scared off trails, and had them scatter from a main road while being driven by horseback while the mountain bikers drove through the middle of the herd. I've also had mountain bikers stop and be courteous and aware of their surroundings by riding gently and slowly around cattle and close gates when asked to. This comparison is a prime example of the society we live in today.

There have been negative experiences with hunters and livestock on public lands as well; not to mention the hunter/mountain biker interactions that continue to arise. The density of trails within the Lemon Gulch area poses concerns with the hunting community and the disturbance it will have on the wildlife in Lemon Creek and adjacent areas. The Lookout Mountain and Paulina Ranger Districts have worked very consistently over the last several decades to decommission roads within the Ochoco National Forest. This management objective has been supported by those that wanted less disturbance for wildlife and potentially create better hunting opportunities and solitude while hiking. There are several historic logging and access roads that have been decommissioned that could be used for trail systems instead of creating new ground disturbance within a watershed. For example, there have been recent approvals of trail systems in the Ochoco's such as those in the Bandit Springs area (2020). Again, the community members of Prineville are not opposed to trail systems and mountain bikes, they just want to be involved in the process to make sure the design and location is best for everyone.

As stated before, I would strongly encourage the USFS to take a few steps back, then consider and review the comments of the public that has voiced their concerns. Prineville is a community with deep roots and ingenuity who is committed to the future of its next generation and to the lands that have helped make us who we are. Let those that reside and depend on this county help make the decisions that affect it. Don't let those from other counties, other communities, and other backgrounds decide our future! As a livestock producer, a guide/outfitter, a fly-fisherman, an outdoor enthusiast, a business owner, a conservationist, and a member of this community; I am hopeful of the collaborative example that this planning process will lead toward.

Kindest regards,



Libby Rodgers
Crook County Resident

10/24/2021

To whom it may concern,


My name is Mark McKinnon. I am writing this letter in opposition to the proposed bike trail system on Forest Service land in Mill Creek area/drainage. These land have historically been used for cattle grazing, timber production, hunting. I feel that adding a large series of bike trails in this area would pose many problems. 1.) Cattle and bikers don't mix. The possibility for a "bad situation" between biker and Cattle would be great. 2.) The increased noise, activity and traffic would be a great detriment to this otherwise quiet area and have a negative impact on the people who live and operate their livelihoods in this area. 3.) The increased activity from the bike trails would bring increased littering, erosion and other harsh impacts to the landscape. I run cattle on the Mahogany Butte ranch, which is adjacent to the area in question and I would be extremely concerned about the large increase in traffic on the roadways and overall higher degree of human activity in the area. It is my desire to maintain agricultural lands as agricultural lands and not create an environment where human/cattle interaction would be very likely and possibilities for conflict and injury to humans and cattle would be inevitable. I believe there is a time and place for most things, but this is NOT the time or place for these bike trails.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark McKinnon

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Interesting reference in this one...SJ



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Hello Shane Jeffries,

Thank you for taking the time to read this email on regards to Lemon Gultch proposed mountain biking trails. It is my understanding that two ranches who hold grazing permits are upset at the proposed trail system. While this proposed trail system at Lemon Gultch does not encroach on their permitted lots at all, I would like to bring your attention the a wonderful new mountain biking area east of you in Grant County, OR. About 5 years ago a small group of hikers and mountain bikers (now Eastern Oregon Trail Alliance) proposed 27+ Mile's of trail at Magone Lake Recreation Area. When first proposed the ranchers and older community members were scared it was going to change their quite county and the bikers would run the hunters out. This has not happened. In fact one of the first trails completed, Tinker Creek, goes through two different grazing allotments. There has been zero issues between the cows, the allotment holder and the mountain bikers. In fact, the

relationships have been developing wonderfully.

It is possible to create the best of both worlds. Allotment holders can continue to graze and share the public lands with the rest of the public and mountain bikers can also use the public land. Allowing two allotment holders, who likely pay pennies compared to the money mountain biking brings in, it would seem a great use of the land would be for everyone to have opportunity to use their public land.

After the NEPA process ended and trails were approved, EOTA never heard from ranchers again. They tend to make a big Todo about nothing and forget why they were upset a year or so later. These trails will be around for generations to come, hopefully, continuing to create a community that will attract families and people who will want to be part of the vibrant community of central and eastern Oregon.

I would encourage you to think about the future of recreation and the purpose of public lands. Both of these things can exist together. Allotments are permitted for public land use, land meant for the use of everyone.

I hope you continue to support the proposed trails at Lemon Gultch!

-Andrea Mesple

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From: Bill Miksich (b)(6)
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I'm writing to express my support for the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville.

I would like to voice my support for it and hope it can move forward despite objections from a small set of private parties.

As a Central Oregon resident, and part of a farm-owning family, I can understand the concerns of the ranchers. Being part of the biking community here is great, and while there seems to be an obvious (and necessary) choice of commerce over hobby I'm sure we can all agree that there's nothing more important for the local and regional communities of Central Oregon than building shared appreciation for each other through exposure and proximity, not restriction and alienation.

Thank you for your work in this area, it's really appreciated.

Bill Miksich

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From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
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From: Christian Linenko <(b)(6)>
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I support the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have positive quality of life, health, and economic benefits for the community. Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is the result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community and it is important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to restrict access to public land.

Thanks,

Christian Linenko
(b)(6)

Clay Woodward
PO Box 663
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October 25, 2021

I am writing in objection to the proposed Lemon Gulch Bicycle Trail system in the Ochoco National Forest.

As a property owner that has land both adjacent to the Ochoco National Forest and surrounded by Ochoco National Forest I feel that I have a vested interest in activities in this area.

It is my opinion that the negatives associated with this proposed trail far outweigh the positives. I feel that the added numbers of visitors to the area will have a negative impact on the environment, the wildlife and the livestock.

I feel that law enforcement is not equipped to deal with the added issues associated with this proposal and the Ochoco National Forest is not equipped to manage this proposed trail system.

I feel that this trail system would be better suited for an area that has already been impacted. Not in an area so close to a wilderness area that is very sensitive. Or perhaps make bikes trails out of the hundreds of miles of closed roads on the Ochoco National Forest so that visitors wouldn't be so concentrated and impact would be less.

In closing I would say that I strongly oppose the Lemon Gulch Bicycle Trail system and that I see no way that it would be a benefit to the Ochoco National Forest.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clay Woodward", with a stylized, flowing script.

Clay Woodward

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Dear Shane and Slater,

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My career over the past 35 years has been commercial real estate and a passion has been bridging

the urban-rural divide. I'm always focused on respecting and lifting up rural communities and I believe Mt bikers will be both considerate of the ranchers' livestock and bring economic benefits to the area that will be immediate and long term. This needs to happen and I'm happy to meet with the ranchers.

Craig

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Dear Mr. Jeffries -- I'm writing to let you know that I strongly support the mountain bike trails proposed for the Lemon Gulch area in the Ochoco National Forest. I'm a life-long mountain biker and active in the Central Oregon Trail Alliance.

I've personally lived the benefits that come with the sport of mountain biking and have dedicated many hours to giving back to this sport, especially in the maintenance and construction of mountain bike trails. The mountain bike community here in Central Oregon is well-known for our dedication to trail stewardship and working with many diverse groups to create an outdoor experience with numerous benefits, especially to the health and well-being of thousands of riders, hikers, trail runners, and others who rely on trails to have access to public lands.

We know that we can coexist with other land-users, including those who use public lands for grazing

purposes. We hope the interests of these few land-users will not stop the fair and equitable shared-use of these public lands. We urge you to move forward with the process that's been in place to bring many land-users together around this issue to find a solution that works for everyone.

Thank you for considering these comments. Dan

Dan Youmans
Representative
SoDeCo Chapter



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Mr. Jeffries,

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my support for the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National forest. This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have benefits for the life, health and economics of the community. Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. This proposal is the result of a multi0year process, initiated by the forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce that has included stakeholder groups and members of the community. It's important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties (some of whom, I understand, do not even live in the area) attempting to restrict access to public lands. Recreational opportunities can and do co-exist with ranching

operations in many other states, and this is just more economic benefit for the community.

Thank you for considering this matter.

Sincerely,

David Anthes
Bend, Oregon

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
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Dear Mr. Jeffries,

I fully support the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have positive quality of life, health, and economic benefits for the community. Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is the result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community and it is important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to restrict access to public land.

Sincerely,

John Bravard
Bend, Oregon



Redmond Chapter of Oregon Hunter's Association
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USFS – Ochoco National Forest
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RE: Lemon Creek Bike Trail

Slater,

The Redmond Chapter of Oregon Hunter's Association is against any bike trail system to be implemented near Lemon Creek on the Ochoco National Forest.

Lemon Creek area sits in the heart of major mule deer Winter range in the Grizzly Unit with a mule deer population nearly 60% of management objective (mo). It is with "gross negligence" that the USFS would take this historic, critical Winter range land away from this compromised herd. ODF&W also is against this project!

Ochoco National Forest previously decimated a portion of this winter range with your Green Mountain OHV trail system, taking the Western portion of the Winter range. You have already done enough damage to wildlife in this critical area.

Redmond OHA, John Crafton and Tim VanDomelen are all on the Ochoco National Forest list to notify of any projects that will affect wildlife. You failed to notify any of us about this project which you are legally obligated to do.

Legal action will be taken if you move forward with this project.

Sincerely,

John Crafton

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Hello,

I am a resident of Bend, Oregon and wanted to express my support for the Lemon Gulch multi-use trail system project proposed for Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest.

My family and I have been avid mountain bikers for over 10 years and we fully support and firmly believe that the Lemon Gulch trails usage and other uses such as cattle grazing can peacefully co-exist on these public lands.

Public lands are just that, for the people. Mountain biking and hiking continue to grow in popularity. These healthy forms of recreation are good for our wellbeing, as well as help support local communities and businesses.

Please allow the Lemon Gulch project to proceed.

Thank you,

Kelly Burke

Bend, OR

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Dear Forest Supervisor Jeffries and District Ranger Turner,

I'm writing to request your support for the proposed Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. This recreational opportunity on our public lands will have positive quality of life, health, and economic benefits for the community. Of the many areas initially proposed, Lemon Gulch has been identified by the Forest Service as the most appropriate area for this trail network. The Lemon Gulch proposal is the result of a multi-year process, initiated by the Forest Service and the Prineville Chamber of Commerce, that has included many stakeholder groups and members of the community and it is important that the outcome of this process be respected and not derailed by a small group of private parties attempting to restrict access to public land.

Sounds like there is some conflict around mountain biking and grazing cows being incompatible uses on the National Forest. I disagree with this perceived conflict because I often ride bikes in areas that are open to grazing in Oregon and across the west. Just yesterday I rode my bike at Horse Ridge, east of Bend, an area that has active grazing activity. I'm happy to report that mountain bikers and bovines used the same space at the same time without incident. Most mountain bikers are conscientious and know to close the gate behind us and not come too close to the cows. If the permit holders who oppose the Lemon Gulch trail system are concerned about cows in the riparian areas, my fellow riders and I will happily build exclosures to keep cows out of the sensitive areas. It appears that exclosures work well to keep both humans and cows out of McKay Creek north of Prineville.

Mountain biking and seasonal grazing are compatible uses on public land, please support this project.

Respectfully,

--

Kirin Stryker



Owner of Cog Wild Bicycle Tours LLC

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Sincerely,

Matt Snodgrass

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Thank you for your support of this project.

Alex Kidd

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Support for Lemon Gulch trail system
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:24:37 AM
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COTA's exec director, responding not as director but as individual. SJ



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From: Emmy Andrews [\(b\)\(6\)](#)
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:46 AM
To: Jeffries, Shane- FS <A.Jeffries2@usda.gov>; Turner, Slater -FS <slater.turner@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Support for Lemon Gulch trail system

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Hello Shane and Slater,

Today I am writing not as COTA's Executive Director but personally as a member of the mountain bike community to express my support for the proposed Lemon Gulch trail system.

As you know, the proposed Lemon Gulch trails are part of a larger proposal to increase non-motorized recreation in the Ochoco National Forest that is a result of years of collaborative, multi-stakeholder effort by Ochoco Trails. It is important that the work of this coalition--which included ranchers, hunters, equestrians, environmental groups, and more--be respected and not derailed by the vocal minority.

The opposition is telling people that the Forest Service did not follow the correct legal process and

did not consider multiple locations for the proposed trails. They are telling people 200-300 cars would access the trail system per day. As you know, these allegations are false. People who hear this and then write in saying they oppose the project might not oppose the project if they were receiving correct information about the long multi-stakeholder process Ochoco Trails in fact underwent to get us to where we are today.

The Lemon Gulch trail system would align with the recreation goals of the 1989 management plan for the Ochoco National Forest, would be the location with the fewest impacts on wildlife and other resources, and would be a great benefit to the local community as well as the wider Oregon community both by diversifying the local economy and by providing fun and healthful outdoor recreational opportunities on our shared public lands.

If the Ochoco National Forest is to have more mountain biking trails, I encourage the Forest Service to see this opposition for what it is and move forward along the path recommended by Ochoco Trails.

Thank you for your consideration,

Emmy Andrews
Central Oregon resident and mountain biker

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Please support Lemon Gulch MTB Trails
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:32:22 AM
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From: Joseph Emerson [\(b\)\(6\)](#)
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 10:16 AM
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Hello,

Please support the Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail network near Prineville. Bike trails like this allow people to access and enjoy Central Oregon's unique wilderness and make Central Oregon a great place to live and enjoy nature.

I would greatly appreciate your supporting this project.

Best Wishes,

Joe Emerson

Joe Emerson
The Zero Energy Project
zeroenergyproject.org

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Support for Lemon Gulch bike trail network
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Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Seabourne

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch
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Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:20 AM
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Sincerely,
Anne Barnett

Bend, OR

From: [John J. Jeffries](#)
To: [John J. Jeffries](#)
Subject: FW: (Czech) Forest Council 2040 Year Report
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2003 2:12 PM (UTC)

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From: John J. Jeffries
To: John J. Jeffries
Subject: Forest Council 2040 Year Report

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Mr. Turner,

I have recently been reading and hearing about the proposed bike trails within the Mill Creek drainage, more specifically Lemon Gulch. Why was the public not informed prior to it becoming years into the development? I have been up that draw and see hundreds of flags marking trails all over the hillsides and draws. Why would you allow paths to be constructed five feet off the creek and next to water sources developed?

I am an avid hunter of the McKay and Mill Creek areas. The number of wildlife I see while I'm out scouting or hunting has diminished each year. That area is a protected winter range for the habitat of wildlife. With the high density 52 mile proposed bike trail, the wildlife will leave the area completely. I've seen videos of these downhill bikes going so fast that I can't see how safety isn't an issue for anyone close by. I am hoping you will reject this proposal now. My desire is for my children to be able to enjoy that area as it is, as I have.

Don't allow the organized pressure of these people make you decide something that is not good for the natural resources and wildlife for years to come.


Curtis Peckles

CC Congressman Bentz

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From: [Turner, Slater -FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth - FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:11:12 PM
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From: Becky Stephenson <(b)(6)>
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To: Turner, Slater -FS <slater.turner@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Lemon Gulch

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Becky Stephenson

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jeffries, Shane- FS](#)
To: [Peer, Beth- FS](#)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch Trail Network
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Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 2:44 PM
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